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Emotional visit to Bergen-Belsen

Peres, Kohl hold discussions

BONN (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, in West Germany on the last leg of a 12-day trip to Europe, fought back tears as he visited a Holocaust museum at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp last week.

Peres laid a wreath at a Jewish memorial monument at the camp as a cantor recited Kaddish, the prayer for the dead. At least 20 members of Peres' family perished in Bergen-Belsen, near Hannover.

Peres' visit to the site was described as private, something quite apart from the political and economic aspects of his official 3-day visit to West Germany.

Although he was accompanied by a ranking politician, Prime Minister Hans Albrecht of the federal state of Lower Saxony, on his tour of Bergen-Belsen, their conversation concerned the past and plans to expand the documentation centre into a research and educational facility that will serve as a meeting place for German youth, the post-war generation with no memories of the Thrid Reich.

Peres said after the visit that he went to Bergen-Belsen in part to promote understanding and reconcilation with the German people. He spoke of the new democratic Germany with which Israel wants to establish cooperation and promote understanding.

The Israeli Premier said he was primarily interested in launching a dialogue but this could not be done unless memories of the past are kept alive. In an interview with the German newspaper Bild, Peres said of the Holocaust that Israelis and Jews all over the world "cannot forget or let this be forgotten." He added that "a new Germany has arisen from that hell and that gives me reason for hope."

After Peres arrived in Bonn, he met with Germany's foreign minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, and later hosted a breakfast for West German Jewish leaders at the Schloss Giemnich, the official residence for guests of the government.

Peres was greeted by Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the two reviewed a military guard of honor outside the chancellor's office. A military band played the Israeli and German national anthems and the two leaders met privately for half an hour.

They met again for 3 hours the following day.

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Israeli PM makes appeal to USSR from W. Berlin

WEST BERLIN (JTA) — Shimon Peres, the first Prime Minister of Israel to visit the former capital of the Third Reich, used that occasion to appeal to the Soviet Union, whose armies he acknowledged contributed mightily to the downfall of Hitler, to allow those Jews who so wish to leave the USSR and to play a positive role in the pursuit of peace in the Middle East.

Peres, ending a 3-day official visit to West Germany, arrived here from Bonn and was greeted at the city hall by West Berlin Mayor Eburhard Diepgen. Later, at a dinner in his honor, he said:

"Let me use this rostrum in the city where Nazi leadership had its formidable start and its shameful end — brought about by the Red Army as well — to call upon the new leadership of the Soviet Union not to forget the common suffering of both our peoples. . . . Let those who survived move to their destiny. Let our people go — and come."

He placed a wreath by the tablet commemorating the Holocaust victims at the Jewish Community Center here, remarking that the centre served both as a sign of the continuity of the great Jewish tradition in Berlin and as a viable link to the State of Israel.

He also visited the monument erected in memory of the high ranking German army officers who, hoping to end World War II and destroy the Nazi regime, attempted to assassinate Hitler in July, 1944. All were caught and suffered torture and death at the hands of the Gestapo.

A highlight of his Berlin tour was a visit to the old reichstag building. Observing the Berlin Wall nearby, Peres referred to the Jews of Eastern Europe. "This physical barrier separates also two parts of the Jewish people, he said. He added, "No wall can block the hopes of the people to get together and to exchange ideas and views."

In a paraphrase of President John Kennedy's famous remark at the same spot more than two decades ago — "Ich bin ein Berliner" — Peres said, "I am from Jerusalem, not from Berlin. I can tell you a lot about an experience of 2,000 years with walls and barriers. Walls come and walls go but the will of the people prevails."

Peres met with a group of German students to answer their questions which ranged from the Arab-Israel conflict to recent manifestations of anti-semitism in West Berlin and in the Federal Republic.

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres visits an exhibit on the Holocaust at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in West Germany, where he was on a state visit. [Canapress photo]

Judith Resnik ע"ה
May her soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life.

Mourners grieve for a "fallen star"

By MARK DODICK
with JTA UPI AP and The Cleveland Jewish News

"She is like a fallen star that shined and illuminated not only our local world, but the entire universe. She accepted the challenge to be a co-partner with God in the work of creation." — Rabbi Abraham Feffer

More than 1,000 pained and grieving mourners including Ohio Governor Richard Celeste, Akron Mayor Tom Sawyer, Rabbis David Horowitz and Abraham Feffer packed Temple Israel in Akron, Ohio last Friday to pay homage to astronaut Judith Resnik.

On a routine mission turned tragic, Resnik, the first Jewish astronaut, died along with her six crewmates 72 seconds after lift-off when the space shuttle Challenger exploded in a ball of flame and plunged into the Atlantic Ocean.

Feffer, of Temple Beth-El in Cleveland where Resnik was bat mitzvahed, delivered the eulogy. He described Resnik as a sensitive, talented and private person.

He said she had accepted the challenge and danger to continue to build the world with God.

"Her music was like a poem, a prophetic statement revealing mind and soul and heart," said Feffer referring to Resnik's abilities as a classical pianist.

Quoting from the poem Ashrei ha-Garur (Blessed is the Match) by Haganah fighter and heroine Hannah Szenes, Feffer said: *"Blessed is the match that is consumed in kindling of flame. Blessed is the flame that burns in the secret fastness of heart."*

Feffer had officiated at Resnik's marriage (which ended in divorce), and recalled that "she was not only physically beautiful, but she had a beautiful soul which is even more important."

Prior to leaving on her first shuttle assignment as a mission specialist aboard Orbiter Discovery in June 1984, Resnik came to Feffer for a blessing, the rabbi told The CJN in a telephone interview.

Feffer says he responded with a traditional prayer, wishing "that she should go in peace and come in peace and be a messenger of good for all mankind."

"She was very sensitive to her own people. She called her father, 'abba,' and referred to her grandmother as 'bubby.' She was very proud that her bubby watch a replay of her first launch of the shuttle," Feffer said.

Feffer remembered that a former Hebrew school teacher, the late Rev. Philip Saltzman, had described Resnik "as the best student in the bat mitzvah class, and the school."

Another former teacher, Rabbi Samuel Lerer, told UPI from Mexico City the young Resnik always intended to be an astronaut.

She once asked him if space travel might violate Jewish tenets. He said he answered that "we have a right to penetrate and to search, to seek, to learn and to know the whole universe."

"The Jewish community shared Judith Resnik's triumph and now we share her pain," declared Rabbi Horowitz, in whose temple the memorial was held. Judith's father is a member of the congregation.

He told The CJN, that "for the family this will be the closest we can come to a funeral service for her. While we're sensitive to the needs of the nation and the media, it really is for the family.

"The thrust of the service is really toward a Jewish memorial service to her," Horowitz added.

"The Talmud tells us that if those in the funeral procession should come upon those on their way to plant a tree, the funeral procession must pause," the president of the Akron Jewish Community Federation, David Sokol, said at a regular meeting of the federation the evening of the tragedy.

"The way of life should be given preference and should proceed first," he said. "In that spirit we meet tonight." The group held a moment of silent prayer for Resnik and her companions.

"We are just devastated. Everyone in the family is in shock," her uncle, David Resnik of Pepper Pike told Vivian Witt of the Cleveland Jewish News.

He said that Resnik's father, Marvin (an optometrist) and her brother Charles, (a radiologist from Virginia), had witnessed the accident at the launch site.

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World-National

Intra-Jewish trialogue needed now

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Three rabbis sat together on the bima of a Washington Orthodox congregation. That in itself was nothing newsworthy, had it not been for the fact that the three were former presidents of their respective Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbinical organizations. They were Rabbis Walter Wurtzburger of Yeshiva University (formerly of Toronto), Mordecai Waxman of Great Neck, NY, and I. A Reconstructionist rabbi served as moderator in this trialogue which was to demonstrate to a large public that such discussions of religious issues were indeed possible.

Rabbi Plaut

The idea to hold such a meeting, which is to be repeated by other rabbis in other communities, came from Rabbi Irving Greenberg of New York who last summer published an important article. He called attention to the widening gap between the various religious streams in Judaism and expressed the fear that if this polarization were not arrested soon we would have two separate Jewish communities by the year 2000.

It is of course a fact that we, from our various perspectives, see our religious obligations differently. But customarily these differences are discussed only with the media or through organizational resolutions which engender heightened rhetoric and end in epithetical shouting matches. One party claims that it is merely doing the will of the Almighty and another that it understands the divine intent differently and therefore comes to different conclusions.

Our problem is that there are few places in the world where we can and do speak about such matters, where we can raise issues such as patrilineal descent or conversion and listen to one another — without thereby necessarily yielding our positions. The chance for listening is absent, and the Washington meeting organized by the National Jewish Centre for Learning and Leadership (CLAL) was to provide a symbolic and much needed beginning.

Three elements, it seems to me, are the starting points for a new intra-Jewish trialogue.

First comes the recognition that courtesy and civility are the foundations of a workable relationship. Without them, we hold monologues and become contemptuous of others and their opinions.

Secondly, once we have established the context of civility a sense of realism must be the starting point of our discussions. Realism demands that a pluralistic Jewish world exists and that therefore we must deal with it. We cannot wish it away.

Thirdly, our religious polity requires that we do not reject people because they raise issues with which we disagree. The only thing I ask of my discussion partners is that they be open, if not to the cogency of my argument, then at least to me as a serious, religious Jew who cares for God and His people.

The future of k'lal Yisrael is vital to all of us. A unified community will more fruitfully face the challenges of assimilation, indifference and secularism, and will provide greater support for the building of a healthy and secure Israel. Who knows what wonderous deeds the Almighty may yet perform through us if we meet each other in mutual respect and love.

Claims against Flick

NEW YORK —

Persons forced to work as slave laborers for the Nazis at companies operated by the Flick group during World War II can contact the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany to make claims for reparation.

A total of $2 million is available to indemnify survivors or their heirs. The payment was approved by the Deutsche Bank which acquired the Flick group last month.

The following information is needed in claims and must be printed clearly: full name and current address; brief history including dates of experiences with Flick; and signature and date.

The information should be forwarded to the attention of Mrs. Feigin, Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, 15 East 26th St., Room 1355, New York 10010; (212) 696-4944.

Americans to press peace process

By
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WASHINGTON —

There is a new urgency in the Reagan administration about getting the stalled Arab-Israeli peace process moving once again. President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz have agreed that the U.S. must greatly intensify its efforts in the coming weeks and months. And despite the risks of failure, they have privately spread the word that they intend to do exactly that.

Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy's just-completed round of shuttling in Europe between Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Jordan's King Hussein in London was just the "opening shot" in this new diplomatic campaign. "There is going to be a lot of activity in the immediate period ahead," an American source said. "This is just the beginning."

Murphy may still be the administration's major pointman in the effort right now. But a higher level official — probably Shultz himself — is likely to assume that direct role very soon, especially if the assistant secretary can narrow some more of the procedural differences in the coming weeks.

Some administration officials are suggesting that a special Middle East envoy be named by Reagan, but Shultz is known to be resisting that proposal. If there is some light at the end of the diplomatic tunnel, he is clearly prepared to get the job done personally. But he first wants some additional assurances of success.

According to authoritative U.S. officials, Reagan and Shultz are very much aware that the clock is ticking toward October's scheduled rotation of jobs between Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. The Americans want some sort of negotiating process to be fully under way in advance of that switch.

The U.S. assessment is that Peres would have a clearly better chance of staying in the Prime Minister's Office if prospects for some greater semblance of peace, especially with Jordan, are perceived in Israel as realistic. Worried about a governmental crisis and possibly early elections in Israel, Reagan administration officials want Peres — rather than Shamir — to triumph.

There is a very apparent sense of gloom and doom in Washington for the entire peace process if the Likud returns to power. U.S. officials are making no secret of their desire to do whatever they can to help reduce the chances of that occurring.

The administration was impressed by Peres' handling of the Taba dispute with his Likud coalition partners. U.S. officials are pressing for some signs of improved relations between Israel and Egypt in the coming months, again as additional ammunition in Peres' political campaign.

Washington has been encouraging Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to meet with Peres soon. This would supposedly go a long way towards revitalizing the peace process momentum and shoring up support within Israel for the entire concept. A strong Israeli-Egyptian relationship is seen in Washington as an essential cornerstone in advancing broader peace negotiations with Jordan.

But very serious problems in getting such negotiations going remain unresolved, especially in coming up with acceptable Palestinians who would participate in a joint delegation with Jordan. Much of Murphy's discussions with Peres and Hussein, U.S. officials said, involved the search for such Palestinian candidates. Israel is still pressing for West Bankers and Gazans, even if they are sympathetic to the PLO, rather than Palestinians living outside the territories.

On the one hand, the Palestinians must be aproved by both Israel and Jordan. That, by itself, would not be very difficult, according to U.S. officials. But Hussein is still extending a strong veto power to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, despite the strains in their relations in recent weeks and the overall decline of Arafat's influence in the Arab world.

U.S. officials said that the details involving an international conference on the Arab-Israeli conference, which would be designed to open up a fresh round of talks, could quickly fall into place if the composition of the Palestinian delegates were determined. Finding the Palestinians — rather than coming up with the ground rules for an international meeting, even one with Soviet participation — is the major sticking points right now.

Direct talks

In principle, the U.S. and Israel have already announced a readiness for some sort of international forum, provided that direct negotiations would immediately result from it. In addition, U.S. and Israeli leaders are in full agreement that the international conference would not be able to veto any potential agreements reached in direct talks between Israel and Jordan, or Israel and Syria, if the Damascus regime should decide to join in the process.

But things are much more difficult in finding acceptable Palestinians. Hussein, last year, submitted a list of Palestinians, candidates to Washington. Only two of the names mentioned — Al Fajr editor Hanna Senjoira of East Jerusalem and Gaza lawyer Fawad Abu Rahme — were approved by Israel. The others were too closely associated with the PLO.

Hussein insisted that at least four Palestinians join his delegation. At the same time, however, he refused to come up with more names. The stalemate developed. U.S. officials said Murphy discussed some other possible Palestinian candidates with Peres and Hussein.

But whether they achieved some final understanding on the list, as of this writing, is still unclear.

In addition to the deadline of the job rotation in the national unity government, the Reagan administration has a more pressing timetable problem involving its proposed $1.9 billion dollar anti-aircraft missile system and fighter aircraft package for Jordan. A major battle with Congress is looming in February unless King Hussein should utter some new declaration promising to end the state of belligerancy with Israel. A March 1 deadline has been set by the administration.

Certainly, the prospect of Jordan's actually sitting down at a bargaining table with Israel would go a long way towards easing the mounting Congressional opposition.

Thus, much of Murphy's discussions with Hussein in London recently involved that sale, seen by Jordan as a critical litmus test in determining U.S. friendship. If that sale is not approved, Jordan is almost certain to look elsewhere in the world for its major weapons systems.

Most Reagan administration officials, especially at the state department, the Pentagon and the National Security Council, are clearly prepared to enter into an all-out confrontation with Israel's friends in Congress over the sale. Some of Reagan's domestic political advisers are reluctant to have such a bruising battle right now. But foreign policy considerations are apparently more pressing for the administration as a whole.

In some respect, the lines would be drawn very similarly to those of the bitter 1981 Saudi AWACS surveillance package. That sale was narrowly approved by a 52-to-48 roll call margin in the Senate. But Reagan first had to use all of his personal powers of persuasion on Capitol Hill to push it through. In the process, there were obvious strains between Washington and Jerusalem as well as between the administration and the American Jewish community.

Vatican should alter stance and recognize Jewish state

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

At the conclusion of a traditional year-end Te Deum Mass, Pope John Paul II interrupted a homily on "religious indifference" to condemn terrorism. Palestinian suicide squads had just struck at the Rome and Vienna airports and the Pope, once a victim of terrorism himself, was indignant and horrified. His words were clear and forceful but Vatican policy, alas, is something else. It has yet to establish normal diplomatic relations with Israel.

Seventy-nine nations recognize Israel and have normal relations with its government. The Vatican is not one of them. Its apostolic delegate is accredited to the mayor of Jerusalem but not to the nation itself. The Vatican makes such distinctions, it has told Israel, no longer on religious grounds (Pius X once said, "Jews have not recognized our Lord; we can not recognize the Jewish people") but because the borders of the nation are not yet established.

That's an understatement. The West Bank and Gaza are occupied territories. The Golan Heights has been annexed. The capital, Jerusalem, once intended to be an international city, is held by Israel and claimed, at least in part, by Jordan. It is beloved by all Islam, Christianity and Judaism. If you forget how thorny this one issue is alone, you may lose your right hand.

Still, other nations manage to have normal diplomatic relations with Israel. Spain just became the 79th. Like most of the others, it does not recognize Israel suzerainty over Jerusalem or, it almost goes without saying, the West Bank and Gaza. For that reason, it, like the United States and most other countries, has located its embassy in Tel Aviv, a city uncontestably in Israeli territory. Of the 79 countries with normal diplomatic relations with Israel, less than a handful maintain embassies in Jerusalem.

The refusal of the Vatican to join those 79 may seem insignificant. After all, we are talking about the Vatican — 108 acres in the middle of Rome. It has no commerce worthy of the name and, as Joseph Stalin cynically observed, no (army) divisions either. What it has in abundance is awesome moral standing: When the home office of Roman Catholicism speaks, the world listens.

And to some ears, what the Vatican has been saying by withholding normal relations with Israel is uncomfortably close to what Arab extremists say. It is a variation of the Israel-is-illegitimate theme, another way of saying that the legal title to Israel is clouded and — who knows? — maybe even temporary. It is this view of Israel as both illegal and temporary that enables Yasser Arafat to vow that, in the name of humanity, he will limit his terrorist operations to Israel and the occupied territories — and then, presumably, wait until a grateful world awards him the Nobel Peace Prize.

To the chagrin of Israel, the Pope met with Arafat. He had his reasons. Palestinian nationalism is a reality and Arafat, by pronunciamento of the Arab states, is its spokesman. But Israel is a reality too. And no matter what its borders may eventually be, no matter what the eventual disposition of the West Bank or the solution to the problem of the wandering Palestinian, it remains a nation that is entitled to live in peace. The solution of territorial disputes, even a solution to the Palestinian problem, does not require the destruction of the State of Israel nor the murder of children at airport ticket counters.

Of course the Pope knows that. He knows, too, that full recognition of Israel might pose some difficulties for the Vatican in certain Arab and Third World states — and maybe that, and not uncertain boundaries, is the real reason for the church's position. (When I asked the Vatican embassy here for comment, it told me to submit my questions by mail and said it would respond the same way.) But the experiences of 79 nations, including Egypt, prove that these are not insurmountable difficulties.

The Pope's denunciation of terrorism was appropriate and forceful. But as long as the Vatican treats Israel as something other than a normal nation, it lends support to those who say it is an illegal nation — a trespasser in the Arab Middle East. The Pope's words were fine; but if he really wants to be heard he ought to treat Israel as no different than any other nation. Even in Rome, action speaks louder than words.

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Triennial meeting of "parliament of Canadian Jewry"

1,500 delegates are expected for CJC assembly

By
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MONTREAL —

The 21st Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress will be held in Toronto May 7-11 at L'Hotel and the adjacent Convention Centre.

Organizers are planning for the participation of 1,500 delegates, the maximum number that can be accommodated.

Any Jew aged 16 and over may register as a delegate, provided he or she is a contributor "in good standing" to his or her local United Jewish Appeal or equivalent campaign, pays the $85 registration fee, and the region in which he or she lives has not exceeded the maximum number of delegates it may send to the plenary. Guidelines are offered by the national office, but it is left to each region to determine which and how many delegates it will accredit.

Individuals, whether or not they are affiliated with CJC or any other Jewish organization, are eligible to participate in the triennial deliberations of "the parliament of Canadian Jewry."

CJC is aiming for at least 10% of delegates to be under 30 years of age. Special youth rates for registration ($35) are offered.

There are, however, 38 national Jewish organizations, a list encompassing religious, Zionist, fund raising, youth and service groups, which are entitled to send one representative each to the plenary. Their regional branches and local Jewish organizations, such as synagogues, can also send one delegate each, plus one additional delegate for every 250 members they have, to a maximum of four.

No restrictions are placed on those who wish to attend as observers, who, unlike delegates, do not have the right to vote in the elections of CJC officers or on the resolutions that will determine CJC policy for the next three years. They do, however, have to pay the same registration fee.

The six regions of CJC — Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba/Saskatchewan, Alberta and Pacific — will be holding meetings during March to accredit delegates and hold elections of regional officers.

Persons wishing to be a delegate should attend these meetings, although flexibility may be shown to those who cannot get there. All interested persons are advised to contact their nearest CJC regional office as soon as possible to indicate their intention to attend.

There is no deadline as such for registration; delegates may register during the plenary, in fact, if the maximum representation has not been reached.

There is one pressing deadline though: March 14 is the last day for the submission of resolutions to be considered at the Plenary Assembly.

One of the major changes in this plenary is the way resolutions are being dealt with. A National Resolutions Committee, chaired by Gary Waxman of Montreal and composed of some 40 persons, has been set up to receive and consider proposed resolutions (anyone can propose resolutions).

The committee is "able to not only redraft but also consolidate, amend, reject or refuse to present resolutions as submitted," according to a decision made by the CJC national officers in December.

Thus, when the plenary opens a set of proposed resolutions will be ready for the delegates' consideration, a method which will save a lot of time. In the past, most of this work was done during the plenary.

Late resolutions will be accepted only if they pertain to "matters of urgency and/or current interest," and at the discretion of the National Resolutions Committee. Resolutions from the floor of the plenary "can be ruled out of order, if they have not first been vetted through the National Resolutions Committee," according to that national officers' decision.

The address for submissions of resolutions is: Gary Waxman, c/o Canadian Jewish Congress, 1590 Docteur Penfield Ave., Montreal, Que. H3G 1C5.

Also new at this plenary is the scheduling of three, instead of one, resolutions session. One of these sessions will be devoted entirely to amendments to the CJC constitution, known as Bylaw 64. This latter session, to be chaired by outgoing CJC president Milton Harris and lawyers Donald Carr and Edward Waitzer, is expected to be a particularly stormy one.

The question of eligibility for membership, particularly the thorny question of "good standing" in terms of UJA contribution, will be among the areas debated.

There is one other deadline to keep in mind: April 11. That is the last date for the nominations for CJC national officer positions. Submissions must be made care of the nominations committee chairman, Monroe Abbey, at CJC headquarters (address above).

The positions open for nomination are: president, chairman of the national executive, associate chairman of the national executive, treasurer, secretary and honorary counsel, all for 3-year terms.

Nominees must be members of CJC and submit endorsements for five other CJC members. Evidence must be given of good standing with one's local campaign. Complete information is available from the CJC national office.

The plenary program has not been finalized, but topics such as Canada and Israel, matters related to international Jewry, and media relations are on the agenda. Workshops will deal with a wide range of issues, such as anti-semitism, status of women, the Jewish disabled and poor, Jews in Arab lands, and campus programming.

Out-of-town plenary delegates may stay wherever they wish, but group rates ($120 double, $105 single) are available at L'Hotel.

Going over plans for the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly May 7-11 are (from left) Julia Koschitzky, plenary chairman; Chuck Zaionz, budget chairman; Mark Anshan, program coordinator; and Faygie Schwartz, commemorative volume editorial chairman. [Graphic Artists photo]

Synagogue head appeals order

MONTREAL —

The Cote St. Luc synagogue president, who was ordered by Quebec Superior Court to relinquish his position (CJN Jan. 30) because his candidacy was in violation of the congregation's bylaws, is appealing.

Andre Maman's lawyers, Laurence Tanny and Philip Fine, argue in their submission to the Court of Appeal that Judge Gerard Turmel erred in his interpretation of certain words in the bylaws of Congregation Sepharade Or Hahayim. In essence, they say, he put too much emphasis on the letter of the law rather than the spirit.

The bylaws stipulated that a member must have contributed at least $2,600 at the time of the purchase of the synagogue building to be eligible for the presidency among other criteria — which Maman was also found not to possess by Turmel.

Turmel did not accept Maman's defence that he had contributed $520 in cash and "pledged" the remainder of the $2,000 as living up to what it says in the bylaws.

They also contend that the judge erred in not admitting evidence from the congregation's rabbi, Moise Ohana, that would have explained the intent of those who wrote the bylaws and the common practice in the Jewish community of soliciting pledges.

By Turmel's strict interpretation of the key words of the bylaws, the whole board of directors, including the president, as well as the members of the congregation, have been acting illegally since inception, say Tanny and Fine.

Key words

They say that since the bylaws were adopted three years ago, the congregation has "always considered as 'member,' for purposes of voting rights and eligibility for positions on the board and as officers, those persons who have 'contributed' according to the broadest possible definition.

"No member has ever protested or questioned the practice of such a broad interpretation of the key words in question, petitioner (Abecera) includes."

As of last, week, Maman had not resigned as president, despite notice from Abecera's lawyer, Pierre Louis Trudeau, that he could be held in contempt of court. Fine said he advised Maman that he is within his rights to remain in the post because the Civil Code of procedure does not provide that a judgment on a motion for disqualification remains in force pending an appeal.

Fine believes it will probably take more than a year for a judgment on the appeal to be rendered.

Bylaws' intent

A member of the congregation and board member, Michael Abecera, had launched the legal challenge of Maman's presidency.

In the appeal, Maman's lawyers say that Turmel erred in interpreting the bylaws' words "contribute" (contributed) and "lors de l'achat" (at the time of the purchase) in "the strictest possible manner as to the form and time when the contribution was to have been made. . . ."

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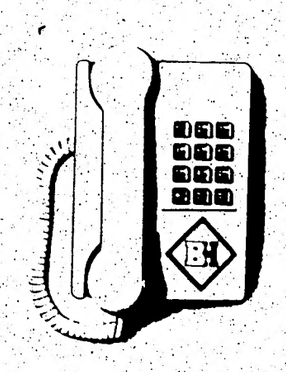

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Living Halacha

By
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QUESTION: Where is the seat of authority in Jewish law?

In these days, everyone thinks he is an authority on Jewish law, especially if he once learned a little Torah. If a man once attended a yeshiva, he carries this attitude to greater heights, and feels duly qualified to pronounce on all issues in halacha.

Rabbi Burak

The Gaon, Rabbi Yosef Shaul Nathanson z.l. wrote some words on this subject that are of great value on this topic. He wrote it about his brother-in-law, the Gaon, Rabbi Mordechai Ettinger z.l. These two scholars worked together during their youth, and published a number of works, as joint authors. They wrote responsa to the great ones of the world, and the answers were always addressed to both of them.

A volume of their notes on Baba Kama carries both names. Several volumes on the Codes carry both their names as the authors. They were truly inseparable. They broke new ground in their work on the Yerushalmi, and again the work was presented as the creation of Nathanson and Ettinger. In due time, they went their separate ways.

Rabbi Nathanson went on to become the Rav of Lemberg, the Chief Rabbi of that great city, and the head of its rabbinical courts. His brother-in-law lived there as a private person of some means, engaged in the study of halacha, a field in which his expertise was so well known that scholars in other lands asked him their questions.

When matzoh baking machinery came on the market, the machines were brought to Lemberg, and were installed there after Rav Nathanson said that the process was kosher. For some people the whole idea seemed revolutionary. It was repulsive. Could a machine be expected to produce as pure and as fine and as kosher a matzoh as was done by hand?

Other people wondered what would happen to all the families for whom baking matzoh was a cottage industry through which they earned their livelihood. Were the robot machines of those days to be allowed to displace all the people who baked matzoh by hand? They turned to the great rabbis of other cities. A group of distinguished men arose to challenge the hechsher given by Rav Nathanson.

They published a pamphlet in which they called upon the people not to eat factory baked matzohs. They said that the process was not kosher for Passover. Rabbi Nathanson's brother-in-law, the man who had been his partner in so many scholarly works, had the temerity to join the opposition. For him the matzohs were treif.

At that point, Nathanson replied with a publication designed to answer all questions. And there were a few pointed words in it for his brother-in-law. He still called him "my brother-in-law, the Gaon," and then went on to ask these questions: "If it's all for Heaven's sake, why didn't he ask me my reason for permitting it? For, I am the Rav and the president of the Beth Din, and he is obligated to accept my rulings. How then does a layman stretch out his hand to give rulings."

The text is given in full in Bromberg's monograph on Nathanson. But, note the word, layman, as used by Nathanson. Nathanson teaches us that even the greatest of scholars, if he doesn't carry the full load of responsibility for the community, is just a layman. Regardless of his learning, the man is a layman, duty-bound to accept the authority of the man who carries the weight of the responsibility.

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Meeting with Mubarak in Cairo

Weizman trip brings little result

By
DAVID LANDAU
& GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Ezer Weizman's hurried trip to Cairo for a meeting with President Hosni Mubarak apparently did little to advance any thaw in Israeli-Egyptian relations or bring a summit meeting between Mubarak and Premier Shimon Peres any closer.

Weizman, a minister-without-portfolio, briefed cabinet colleagues last week on his talks in Cairo. No details were made public, but from what is known to the media, he is believed to have had little of substance to report. He seemed, inadvertently to confirm this when he said the downbeat reaction to his trip was due to unrealistic expectations.

"I didn't go to Egypt with a shopping bag and I didn't come back with one," he told reporters, adding, "I don't have much to say." Nevertheless, Premier Shimon Peres who was visiting West Germany, said Weizman's mission was important and he was pleased with it. Weizman himself reportedly relayed a positive account of his meeting with Mubarak to Peres in Bonn.

The trip was supposed to have been secret, but Weizman had hardly landed in Cairo when the Israeli media were full of it. His mission, reportedly, was to convince Mubarak of the importance of the decision by the inner cabinet on Jan. 13 to acede to Egypt's demand to settle the Taba border dispute through international arbitration, which was part of a political package to revive the normalization process between Israel and Egypt.

The Israeli decision was received coolly in Cairo.

Weizman also reportedly tried to impress upon Mubarak the urgency of a summit meeting with Peres even before the political issues between the two countries are resolved. But the Egyptians are adamant that a sumnmit date will be set only after there is a firm date for arbitration over Taba to begin.

Weizman denied media reports from Cairo quoting him as saying a Mubarak-Peres summit was inevitable. He said he discussed the possibility of a summit with the Egyptian leader but no dates were mentioned.

He said in fact, that a summit was not workable under present conditions and that he went to Egypt to find out exactly what the political climate was there and to explain to the Egyptians some of Israel's views. He expressed confidence that the arbitration process would move forward. "I did not expect one trip of mine to change things by 180 degrees. Those who expected this do not understand life," he said.

"Every now and then it is worthwhile going down to Egypt and talk to the Egyptians. I think this contributes to understanding the relations and also to improving them," Weizman said.

His apparent inability to achieve anything of substance by going to Cairo minimized domestic political fallout. Likud hardliners who bitterly resent Weizman's involvement in foreign policy matters, especially with the Egyptians, stopped protesting the trip when the dovish minister returned.

Earlier, they attacked Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, for approving the trip. Shamir confirmed that he was informed of Weizman's intentions beforehand and raised no objections.

One of the issues contributing to the sour relations with Cairo is Egypt's refusal to give Israel the report of the special commission of inquiry set up to investigate the murder of seven Israeli tourists by an Egyptian soldier at Ras Burka in eastern Sinia last Oct. 1. This was one of the main conditions the inner cabinet set for agreeing to arbitrate over Taba.

The Egyptians said they would give the Israelis only the verdict of the Cairo court that convicted the soldier, Sulieman Khatar, and sentenced him to life imprisonment. Khatar was found hanged a week after the verdict, an apparent suicide.

The Egyptian charge d'affaires in Tel Aviv, Mohammad Basiouni, said on a Voice of Israel Radio interview that the "dangerous deterioration" of relations between Egypt and Israel was partly the result of the "strong criticism in Israel on the Ras Burka affair." He said the court verdict which Egypt is offering to Israel contains in itself all the pertinent details of the investigation.

Weizman said later he recommended to the foreign ministry that it at least consider accepting the court verdict in lieu of the inquiry commission's report. He agreed with Basiouni that the 25-page court document covered all of the pertinent facts. He said the Egyptians had told him that if Israel felt the record of the trial proceedings and the court judgment was inadequate, it could renew its request for the inquiry commission's findings.

Senators named Fellowships honorary heads

TORONTO — U.S. Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan (New York) and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and Canadian Senator Jerry Grafstein (Ontario) have been chosen as honorary chairmen of the North American advisory committee of the Jerusalem Fellowship program, a summer fieldwork/seminar for selected college students and young professionals.

The program, sponsored by Aish HaTorah College of Jerusalem and the World Zionist Organization, seeks to enhance knowledge of Israel and Judaism among potential future Jewish leaders through the awarding of fellowships worth $2,300 (U.S.) for study, touring and meeting with Israeli public figures.

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The Canadian advisory committee, which oversees the selection procedure for scholarship recipients, include Ontario Progressive Conservative leader Larry Grossman, North York Mayor Mel Lastman, Donald Carr, Al Waxman, Harvey Hecker, Bernard Ghert, George Cohon, Harold Nashman, Marvin Shore, Albert Gellman, David Feldman, Kurt Rothschild, Eleanor and Gerald Shear, Albert Latner, Steven Latner, Michael Latner and Joshua Latner.

Last year, Jerusalem Fellows met with President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Shimon Peres, a number of cabinet and Knesset members, former Soviet Refuseniks, a former spy in Lebanon and a general.

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After resumption of ties with Israel

WJC's Bronfman wants Soviets in peace process

By JTA & AP

JERUSALEM — Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, has urged inclusion of the Soviet Union in the Middle East peace process, but only after Moscow resumes diplomatic relations with Israel.

"I do not think that the peace process can achieve any permanent results so long as the Soviets camp outside the tent," Bronfman told some 800 persons attending the opening ceremony of the WJC's 50th anniversary plenary assembly at the Jerusalem Theatre.

"The road to peace runs not only through Washington, but also through Moscow," he stressed. But he warned that "clearly, there can be no seat at any Middle East table for the USSR if it does not have full diplomatic relations with Israel." He said that some Arabs states have urged Moscow to take this step.

Bronfman said there was good reason to hope that the improved relations between the United States and the Soviet Union will broaden to include talks about Mideast peace. He said they should also cover human rights.

Bronfman took issue with a statement by Morris Abram, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ), who, in a recent interview with The New York Times, said that if conditions are not improved for Soviet Jews, American Jews will demonstrate against the arms negotiations.

"We reject any linkage between arms control and the Soviet Jewry issue," Bronfman said. "We have not, and we will not, make one dependent on the other." He said an arms agreement will benefit all mankind, including Soviet Jewry."

Bronfman reiterated that the WJC position has always been that the Soviets should allow those Jews who want to emigrate to do so, free the prisoners of Zion and allow them to go to Israel, and let Jews who want to remain in the USSR be free to practice their religion and pursue their culture without discrimination.

But Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, said "repatriation is the only solution for the 2.5 million Jews of the Soviet Union. There is no future for them in the Soviet Union — not as a community, not as a national minority, not as a culture or a religion."

Dulzin also stressed that "we must not permit neshira (dropouts) to endanger the exodus. What is at stake is not the freedom of choice of a few, but the future of an entire community."

Bronfman said he has "half-convinced" the Soviets "that it is in everyone's best interest to inaugurate direct flights carrying Jewish emigres from Moscow to Tel Aviv."

He said the Soviet Union is considering flying Jewish emigrants directly to Israel instead of sending them to Austria.

The kremlin is ready to bargain over the Soviet Jews because Soviet leaders think Jewish influence on the U.S. government could lead to increased high-technology trade and even "extend to arms control," the Montreal-born Bronfman told AP.

National education conference set

MONTREAL — A national Jewish education conference will be held March 15-17 at the Bonaventure Hilton International on the theme Jewish Education in a Multicultural Society.

The sponsors are the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Zionist Federation, Jewish Education Council of Montreal, the Federation of Teachers of Jewish Schools of Montreal and the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education.

Two similar conferences have been held in the past, in 1979 and 1982.

This conference is open to both professionals and lay persons involved with Jewish education across Canada. A special effort is being made to encourage representation from small Jewish communities.

"This national Jewish education conference is a precious opportunity for those involved with education to share ideas, discuss common concerns and gain inspiration to improve the quality and relevance of Jewish education within our multicultural society," said Shimshon Hamerman of Montreal, conference co-chairman with Sandra Brown of Toronto. Evelyn Katz of Winnipeg is vice-chairman.

Shimshon Hamerman

The program has been drawn up from the responses received from questionnaires sent out to potential participants across the country. Sessions will be of both a practical and theoretical nature, and be given in English, French and Hebrew.

Topics will include teaching the Hebrew language, Israel and the Diaspora, the meaning of a full Jewish life in Canada, multilingual schools, curriculum development and an evaluation of Jewish education in Canada.

Sandra Brown

There will be a display of books and other educational materials during the conference.

BGU's Livergant cites Israeli report

Universities' needs termed urgent

TORONTO — Urgent and increased financial assistance is needed by Israel's institutions of higher learning, says Harold Livergant, national president of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University.

Citing the latest report of the Israeli universities Planning and Grants Committee, Livergant warned of "potentially irreparable damage to the standards of excellence of Israel's universities and possible loss of whole generations of students because of growing limitations in the schools' absorptive capacity."

According to the report, Livergant said, in one fell swoop the government cut its allocations to the universities by 20% for the 1983-84 academic year. This reduced previous government participation to about 45% from over 65% of the universities' budgets, he said.

Successive cutbacks in the previous three years reduced government allocations from nearly 80% to 65% of the budgets of the universities, the BGU Associates president said. Total government allocations to universities have for the first time fallen below 1% of the government budget.

"The obvious dire consequences," Livergant said, "are the threat of a serious brain drain and a lack of qualified personnel in various fields vital to the security and economy of the country."

Other possible consequences he cited were a reduction in standards, inadequacy and obsolescence of the plants, equipment and facilities of the universities, a serious distortion of the student/teacher ratio, and more and more a limitation on the ability of these institutions to absorb qualified applicants including many now completing their national service.

Since the continuing economic crisis will not permit Israel to increase allocations to her universities, their overseas supporters must come to the rescue, Livergant said. "The work of Israel's universities is so important to her safety, economic and social health, that we dare not slacken our support now."

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Back to situation before 1982 invasion?

Israel hits Palestinian bases in south Lebanon

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Is Israel back to square one in southern Lebanon?

Last week, for the first time since the spring of 1982, Israeli Air Force aircraft were back in action in that volatile area.

Not since Israel's invasion three years ago have Israeli planes carried out a raid so near the border. In 1985, the Israeli Air Force raided Palestinian installations in northern and eastern Lebanon on 13 separate occasions, but refrained from bombing targets in the south.

Israel's reason for invading Lebanon in 1982 was to clear the PLO out of frontier regions and thus bring peace to the Galilee. But since Israel pulled most of its troops out of Lebanon a little more than seven months ago, and proclaimed a buffer zone in southern Lebanon, the PLO and its Lebanese allies have, with the connivance of Syria, gradually drifted back to their old bases.

Since Israel's partial withdrawal, the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army has clashed repeatedly with Palestinians and Lebanese Shiites in the security zone. In 1985 two Israeli soldiers were killed in these skirmishes.

Katyusha rockets have also fallen in northern Israel, most recently in Kiryat Shemona, but have caused only minor damage. In the past few weeks, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) has defused automatic firing devices on at least 13 katyushas.

In last week's 7-minute dawn raid near two Palestinian refugee camps close to the port city of Sidon, Israeli jets struck what military spokesmen said were guerrilla bases.

The planes destroyed two buildings and damaged a third used by three factions of the splintered PLO: Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine: Popular Command, the anti-Arafat wing of Fatah, and the Palestine Liberation Front.

The first group is commanded by Ahmed Jabril, a pro-Syrian Palestinian who was involved in last May's controversial prisoner exchange with Israel. The second is led by Abu Musa, one of the ring leaders of the May, 1983 revolt against Yasser Arafat's leadership. The third is under the command of Mohammed Abbas, the alleged mastermind of the Achille Lauro hijacking who is in hiding.

In the raid, one Palestinian was reportedly killed. All the Israeli jets returned safely to base.

The Israelis gave no specific reason for it. But for the past few weeks they had been saying that Palestinians based around the Miyeh Miyeh and Ain al-Hilweh camps — strongholds of Palestinian nationalism — had received large amounts of weapons and ammunitions, including katyusha rockets that easily can reach northern Israel.

The Israeli raid comes on the heels of recent tension with Syria over the stationing of SAM anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanese and Syrian territory. The Syrians removed SAM-6 and SAM-8 missiles from Lebanon, but SAM-2s remain in place in Syria. Israel has said the SAM-2s can hamper its ability to carry out reconnaissance flights over Lebanon. The Israelis say they are necessary to keep track of terrorist activity in a country without an effective central government. But with Syrian missiles pointing skyward, the risk of a confrontation between Israel and Syria, however accidental or unintended, cannot be discounted.

The raid signifies a stiffening of Israel's resolve to prevent the PLO from reestablishing itself in southern Lebanon. In the wake of the recent katyusha attack on Kiryat Shemona, Israel adopted a policy of "minimal retaliation" by shelling areas north of the security zone. But, with this air raid, Israel appears to have gone back to the status quo ante that prevailed before the 1982 invasion.

Observers believe that the Israeli Air Force will be used more often in the future if the situation deteriorates.

They do not think that last week's gun battle in the Jordan Valley, which resulted in the death of two Israeli soldiers, indicates a change in Jorda's policy toward Israel.

It has been learned that the troops — who were 19 and 20 years old — were killed by a Jordanian Army deserter, who himself was gunned down.

Israel therefore regards the incident as an isolated one. Gen. Moshe Levy, the Chief of Staff, said there was no connection between this clash and the air assault

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, fresh from a 3-nation European tour, said the two incidents would not affect the peace process. As he put it: "While we try to achieve peace, we shall continue to fight terrorism."

Eliahu's proposal raises concern

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A proposal by Sephardic Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu that a synagogue be erected on the Temple Mount, the third holiest site of the Islamic faith, has stirred serious concern in political and security circles here that the rabbi's remarks could trigger extremist violence.

In recent weeks, the Temple Mount was the scene of angry confrontations between Moslem religious leaders and Knesset members. On one occasion, police had to extricate members of the Knesset interior committee from an angry Arab crowd led to believe they were desecrating Islamic shrines.

Eliahu made his proposal at a meeting of the Temple Mount Faithful, far right-wing Orthodox Jews who have been pressuring for years that a Jewish presence be established on the site where the Temple stood in ancient times. The Chief Rabbi said the proposed synagogue should be taller than the two Moslem shrines, the Al-Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock.

He suggested it be located on the eastern wall of the Mount with the entrance facing outward.

Israel's policy since seizing the Old City in the 1967 war has been to permit visitors of all faiths to visit the Temple Mount but to restrict organized prayer there exclusively to Moslems. The shrines are maintained by the Moslem religious council, the Wagf.

Eliahu told reporters later that he had not proposed building a synagogue but had merely offered a "suggestion" in response to a question by the Temple Mount Faithful. He insisted the idea should not arouse Arab anger because the site was sacred to both Moslems and Jews.

The Chief Rabbinate recently forbade the pious from walking on the Mount because of the presence of the mosques. He claimed that ruling applied to Gentiles as well as to Jews.

Redress urged for Japanese

TORONTO — The League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada has called on the Canadian government to provide redress to Japanese Canadians for their mistreatment during World War II.

In a recent letter to Otto Jelinek, the minister of state for multiculturalism, league national chairman Phillip Leon reaffirmed the league's 1984 resolution urging the government to apologize to Japanese Canadians for their internment and to compensate them for any seizure of their property. It also calls on Ottawa to ensure that this sort of treatment never occurs again.

The government has indicated that it wants to consult with all Canadians before it begins to negotiate redress with the National Association of Japanese Canadians.

"The League for Human Rights stands together in solidarity with the Japanese community," states the league. "The Jewish community was also the victim of racist policy during and after World War II. We believe it is only fitting that our community should add its voice in support of Japanese Canadians in this matter."

U.S. vetoes resolution on Temple Mount issue

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — **The United States vetoed a Security Council resolution last week deploring Israel for "provocative acts which have violated the sanctity of the sanctuary of the Haram Al-Sharif," the holy Islamic mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The vote was 13-1. Thailand abstained.**

The Security Council opened its debate Jan. 22 at the request of Morocco, chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and the United Arab Emirates, chairman of the Arab Group at the UN, to discuss recent confrontations on the Temple Mount between a group of visiting Knesset members and an angry Arab crowd.

Addressing the council, Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the UN, rejected the Arabs' charges that the Israeli visitors desecrated the Al Aqsa mosque. In fact, he said, the Knesset members visited the Temple Mount after they made arrangements with the Wagf, the Moslem religious authority in charge of administering Moslem holy places in Jerusalem.

He added that the visiting Israelis were attacked by an Arab mob at Solomon's Stable, which, according to Netanyahu, "had no religious significance." (CJN Jan. 30).

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

The Kahan Commission of Inquiry report into the massacre at the Sabra and Shatilla camps in Beirut was issued Feb. 8, 1983. Five months of unprecedented Israeli anguish, political mud-slinging and international recriminations were defused.

Operation Peace for Galilee, the Lebanon war, was launched by Israel in June, 1982, in response to increasing attacks by the PLO on northern settlements and to disturbing evidence of massive terrorist entrenchment in southern Lebanon. The immediate incitement was the terrorist shooting in London of Israeli ambassador Shlomo Argov. With new techniques and equipment, Israeli forces cut a blitzkrieg-like swathe through a PLO pirate infrastructure imposed on southern Lebanon in the course of six years of bloody civil war.

They were at the gates of Beirut about to scoop up terrorist leader Yasser Arafat from his lair when U.S. and other international pressures, combined with partisan politics in Jerusalem, brought them to a halt. Similar international arm-twisting had wrested a decisive victory from Israel's grasp — the kind of win she saw as necessary to institute direct and immediate peace talks with her hostile neighbors — in the War of Independence, the Suez Campaign, the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War.

By the end of June, 1982, Israeli forces found themselves dangerously mired. Unbelievable quantities of terrorist arms were captured and the PLO infrastructure was smashed.

Initially hailed as liberators by the south Lebanese, the Israeli troops came under increasing criticism — as well as ambushes — as their stay lengthened. The U.S. and Western media, whose representatives in Lebanon had been bullied into quiescence by the PLO during the long years of depredations and atrocities, pilloried Israel with a constant barrage of inaccurate, biased and hostile reports. PLO propaganda gained victory upon victory after its troops were long gone.

Israeli efforts to work out an alliance with local Christian and Moslem forces foundered on factionalism and were outmaneuvered by the Syrians.

At home, public sentiment was being torn asunder by anti-war demonstrators, some sincere and others politically motivated. In the Knesset and abroad, the opposition hammered mercilessly at a government that reeled but refused to fall.

On Rosh Hashanah, 1982, some 200 Palestinians in Beirut refugee camps under the ostensible control of Israeli forces were killed by local Christian gunmen out to repay a longstanding debt. A world that ignored the slaughter of 50,000 men, women and children in Hamma, Syria, a relatively short time before sprang to accuse Israel in the most strident terms of engineering the Sabra and Shatilla massacres. An inquiry was suggested, and rejected by the Israeli government on the grounds that it was innocent of any ill-doing and had no need to prove itself so. After a burst of intense domestic political pressure and international demands, Israel conceded to establishing a commission of inquiry.

An impartial commission into matters of national urgency was provided for in an Israeli law passed in 1968. The Agranat Commission investigating the former government's preparedness for the Yom Kippur War was organized under that law's auspices.

The president of the Supreme Court, regarded by the public as an independent and impartial figure, appointed the commission. In 1982, Yitzhak Kahan's choice of himself, Justice Aharon Barak and General Yona Efrat coupled judicial wisdom and military familiarity with the subject matter. Each member's expertise and integrity laid the ground for a thorough investigation, and, at least as important, sparked the confidence of the country as a whole and that of truly impartial authorities abroad.

The Kahan Report found that the direct responsibility for the slaughter rested with the Lebanese Phalange troops, and not with Israel or those acting on her behalf. It was, however, critical of Israel's minister of defence, director of military intelligence and divisional commander for not reacting immediately to reports of the massacres and taking no immediate action to restrain the Phalangists. The former's dereliction was a moral and ethical, not legal, one. The responsibility was personal, and not ministerial, averting a government crisis.

The minister of defence, Ariel Sharon, was urged to "draw appropriate personal conclusions," that is, resign or be fired. He was allowed to stay on in the government as minister without portfolio.

The report was hailed as an indicator of Israel's fundamental democratic values. The political battles over the Lebanon war inside Israel and outside never attained their previous pitch.

First non-Quebecer as president

Oziel to lead Canadian Sephardim

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

For the first time in its 12-year history, the Canadian Sephardi Federation has chosen a non-Quebecer as its president.

Leon I. Oziel of Toronto was named to head the umbrella group of Canadian Sephardi organizations at the recent 6th congress of the Canadian Sephardi Federation.

Oziel, the former president of the Ontario Sephardic Association, replaces Ralph Benatar, who had been CSF president for two years.

A 44-year-old auto parts salesman, Oziel alone sought the office and was acclaimed president of the federation, which oversees the activities of Canada's approximately 50,000 Sephardic Jews.

Since Oziel resigned as head of the Ontario Sephardic Association to run for the higher office, the OSA's former vice-president, Simon Keslassy, has been appointed president.

"Today, we begin a new chapter in the CSF," Oziel told the 100 participants at the congress, held at the Petah Tikva Congregation.

"Thirty years ago, there were hardly any Sephardim in Canada. Today, Baruch Hashem, we have schools, synagogues and communal centres."

Oziel pledged more financial support for Sephardi projects across Canada and more support for youth programs during his 2-year term to "strengthen the bonds between our community and Israel.

"Our deeds will be greater than our words and thoughts," he said.

Oziel, who came to Canada from Tangier in 1957, has a long record of involvement in the Jewish community. He was a founder and former president of the Petah Tikva and a founder and former vice-president of the Canadian Sephardi Federation.

He is active in Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan University, Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Immigration Aid Services and has been a vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Federation. He was twice a delegate to the World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem.

Greetings at the congress came from Israel's consul-general Gideon Saguy, Haham Gaon of the World Sephardi Federation and from Rabbi Yamin Cohen, the former chief rabbi of Tangier who now lives in Toronto.

Outgoing president Benatar listed the many accomplishments the Sephardi community has wrought during his tenure: The visit last winter of Israel's Sephardi Chief Rabbi, Mordechai Eliyahu; the growing number of congregations and community centres in suburban Montreal and the establishment of PASI— Projet d'Action Sociales en Israel— a group of 13 young volunteers who visited development towns in Israel last summer and brought with them various social and cultural programs.

Organizers at the congress noted that Oziel's acclamation as president represents an important shift away from the powerful Montreal Sephardi bloc. Until now, all presidents have been from Montreal, where the Sephardi community numbers over 30,000. In Toronto, Sephardim number about 10,000.

Leon I. Oziel

In an interview with The CJN, Oziel said his first priority is to call a meeting of the CSF executive and choose a cabinet. Twenty members of the executive are from Toronto and 30 from Montreal. A cabinet would include vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer.

Funding of the CSF is high on his agenda, he said and ways will be explored to secure more funds.

But mainly, Oziel says he will concentrate on youth and educational programs.

"We will try to inject more Zionism and Jewishness into our youth. Our aims are to stimulate and encourage more activity among our youth," he stated.

West German spurs outrage

BONN (JTA) —

A West German official's public suggestion that rich Jews ought to be killed to help balance the budget has triggered outrage here for the second time in two months over anti-semitic remarks by politicians linked to Chancellor Helmut Kohl's ruling Christian Democratic Union (CDU) coalition.

Wilderich Freiherr Von Mierbach Graf Von Spee, mayor of Korschenbroich, in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, admitted that he told the town council's budget committee that a few rich Jews should be slain in order to get the budget balanced. Korschenbroich has a population of about 27,000. It was not immediately known if any Jews live there.

Von Mierbach apologized for his remark but added that talk about killing rich Jews was widely used in the past when discussing financial matters. He did not say whether he was referring to the Nazi era or the more recent past.

The opposition Social Democratic Party (SPD) immediately called on the mayor to resign. The Jewish community in Dusseldorf announced it has filed suit against him for racial incitement. Von Mierbach, a member of the CDU, made the remark at a meeting on Jan. 16. But the local newspaper, owned by CDU activists, still has not published it.

Outrage was expressed earlier last month when Hermann Felner, a ranking member of the Christian Social Union, the CDU's Bavarian sister party, stated publicly that Jews who seek reparations from German firms that used them as slave laborers during World War II created the impression that "Jews are quick to show up when money jingles in German cashboxes."

Felner, too, apologized both in the bundestag and in a formal statement to the Jewish community. But the matter resurfaced when the weekly Der Spiegel quoted Chancellor Kohl as saying that Felner's remark was not anti-semitic and that it reflected the attitude of most Germans. A government spokesman has denied the Der Spiegel story. The weekly stood by its account.

Israel Premier Shimon Peres, who visited West Germany, last week refused to comment. Aides said he did not read Der Spiegel and had no intention of raising the matter during his talks in Bonn.

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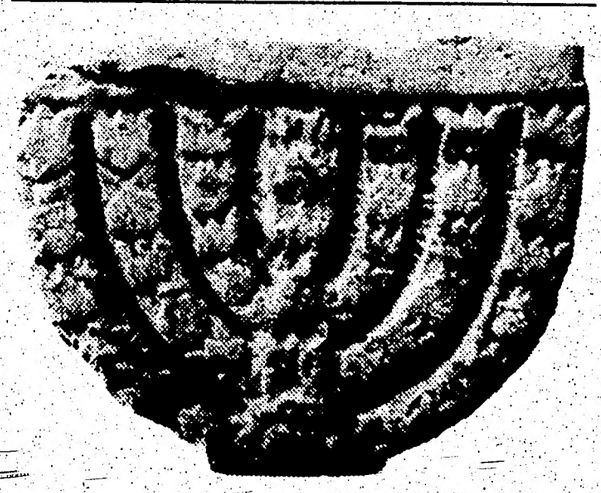

Editorial

Valuable effort

We note with approbation the proposals made by B'nai B'rith to the government of Canada. (CJN Jan. 23). The submission made to a federal government subcommittee stops short of recommending this country's withdrawal from the United Nations but makes some vigorous recommendations for future Canadian policy towards the world body.

Prepared by the international affairs committee of B'nai B'rith Canada, the report does urge Canada to consider dropping out of UNESCO, a step already taken by the United States and Great Britain. UNESCO's well known politicization has been directed with special venom against Israel and the Western democracies.

Noting that the UN's triangular coalition of Soviet, Arab and Third World countries has worked unceasingly to delegitimize Israel, the report just urges the Canadian government, among other things, to avoid dealing with the PLO until it renounces terrorism.

The B'nai B'rith submission is an important document because it represents a broad spectrum of Canadian Jewish opinion and because silence on issues can be interpreted in government circles as quiescence or acquiescence.

By speaking out firmly B'nai B'rith Canada wants our government to know that Jews are opposed to PLO violence. The submission also recommends that Canada work for the retraction of the infamous Zionism-Racism resolution which the totalitarian states at the UN pushed through in 1975.

Whether or not the B'nai B'rith's recommendations on Israel, the UN, Soviet and Syrian Jewry prompt any kind of response from the federal government is problematic. Government bureaucracies are notoriously unresposive to approaches such as these.

The exercise is nonetheless valuable and significant because it presents an opportunity for a major Canadian Jewish organization to articulate its advocacy — in this case on behalf of Israel in particular and human rights in general.

Insensitive move

A JTA report from Belgium indicates that the Jewish community in that country is alarmed by plans on the part of the Polish Catholic Church to construct a Carmelite convent on the site of the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp.

The World Jewish Congress has already initiated discussions with the Polish government regarding the plan, which, according to one source is already being implemented: eight Carmelite monks have been living at Auschwitz since last May.

The idea for the Carmelite convent was sponsored by a group calling itself "Help to the Church in Distress," a body which works for the Roman Catholic Church in Communist countries.

The Brussels newspaper Le Soir says the projected convent would symbolize "Love, peace and reconciliation, witnessing the victorious power of the cross of Jesus." The planners see the convent becoming "a spiritual fortress and the proof of the conversion of apostates and those who went astray in various countries."

There is no doubt that the Carmelites have an idea with merit; the problem is that their geography is wrong. Auschwitz is not the right place for reconciliation. That site is the concrete symbol of Jewish martyrdom during the Holocaust.

As one Belgian Jew put it: "Asuchwitz is the place where the majority of European Jews were put to death."

Jews are aware, of course, of the fact that non Jews, including Polish priests, lost their lives at Auschwitz. The great majority of its victims, however, were Jewish men, women and children.

If the Carmelites wish to carry on the work of spiritual conversion and reconciliation they should direct their efforts towards the Polish government and urge it to re-establish diplomatic ties with the State of Israel, the only palpable symbol of renewed Jewish re-birth after the horrors of the Holocaust.

Using Auschwitz as a venue for religious work may appear to be honorable at first glance but for Jews it is an insensitive gesture.

Harvard controversy over Mideast scholar

CIA connection hurts Safran

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Nadav Safran, one of America's outstanding Middle East scholars, has been forced to resign as director of Harvard University's prestigious Centre for Middle Eastern Studies.

An Egyptian Jew, Safran is the author of several books and numerous monographs on topics ranging from Israel's relations with the U.S. to Egypt's place in the Arab world. His latest book, *Saudi Arabia: The Ceaseless Quest For Security*, has been hailed as a model of scholarship.

Safran, who lived in Israel for a while before settling in the U.S., has been a guest lecturer at universities all around the world, including the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Safran's troubles began last October when the Harvard Crimson, the campus newspaper, published a series of articles on his relationship with the Central Intelligence Agency. The Crimson reported that Safran had accepted a $47,000 CIA grant to conduct a conference on Islam and Middle East politics.

The Boston Globe then ran a story saying that Safran had also accepted $107,000 from the CIA to help finance the research and writing of Saudi Arabia: The Ceaseless Quest For Security.

After the stories broke, Michael Spence, dean of the faculty of arts and sciences, said that Safran had "erred" in failing to inform Harvard the conference had been supported by CIA funds. Spence said, however, that Harvard was not concerned about the CIA grant he received to complete his book because he had informed the university about it.

Nadav Safran

The matter didn't end there. John Shattuck, Harvard's vice-president for governmental and public affairs, announced the university would conduct a formal inquiry into the affair. Meanwhile, as Safran started his conference at the Harvard Faculty Club, attended by Americans, Arabs and Israelis, three of six professors on the governing committee of the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies demanded his resignation as director.

Their spokesman, Richard Frye, professor of Iranian studies, explained that CIA-sponsored conferences and research on the Middle East, particularly projects whose sources of financing remained undisclosed, exposed all researchers in the field to the suspicion that they were spies.

Frye argued that such charges, which are common in the Middle East, made it difficult for scholars to obtain visas and endangered their lives in some circumstances.

For his part, Safran said he viewed CIA funding "like any other source of funds." He also said he had wanted to save Harvard money.

Harvard does not prohibit professors from accepting grants from federal agencies. But researchers who take such funding must inform the school and ensure themselves it will not compromise their academic freedom.

Early last month, Harvard released a report on the controversy. Spence said that Harvard itself was to blame for failing to act when Safran first informed it of his CIA contract to help finance the Saudi book, but that Safran had violated Harvard's rules on research sponsored by outside organizations.

What Harvard objected to was a clause in his contract stipulating that the CIA reserved the right "to review and approve any and all intended publications resulting from agency-funded research efforts." Safran claims the CIA did not ask him to make any changes.

Spence also concluded that Safran had been wrong not to have disclosed that CIA funds were behind his conference.

In closing the embarrassing affair, Spence said that Safran would step down as director of the centre but that he would remain a tenured professor of politics. Spence said that Safran's "erudition and objectivity as a scholar" had not been called into question.

AMERICAN ANTI-SEMITISM

A Brandeis University study carried out by a social policy analyst reaches the conclusion that most American Jews believe they have experienced some form of anti-semitism in their lifetime.

Gary Tobin, who is associated with Brandeis' Centre for Modern Jewish Studies, did his field work in Washington and St. Louis. Some of his material was drawn from broader studies conducted by the United Jewish Appeal Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

In Washington, only 10% of the respondents reported having no personal experience with anti-semitism, and 9% said they had experienced a great deal. Twenty nine percent said they had experienced a moderate amount of anti-semitism, and 52% reported a little of it.

In St. Louis the results were almost identical.

A SOVIET MOUTHPIECE

The Soviet Union's leading English-language commentator, Vladimir Posner, is the son of a Jewish convert to Christianity.

Posner, who has defended Moscow's official position on dozens of American talk shows, speaks idiomatic English with a genuine Brooklyn accent.

His father, Vladimir Alexandrovich, was born to a Jewish family that adopted the Russian Orthodox faith. The father, after having moved to Western Europe in the 1920s, began working for MGM in Paris. Vladimir Jr., his father and his French mother immigrated to the U.S. after the German army occupied Paris. The Nazis considered the Posners Jewish, not Russian

Posner was raised in New York. When he was 15, his father was fired by MGM for his pro-Soviet views, and the family went back to the Soviet Union. He became a Soviet citizen in 1952.

Posner's broadcasting career began in 1970 as a commentator for Radio Moscow's North American service. His 5-minute show, Vladimir Posner's Daily Talk, is beamed by shortwave to North America.

REFINED LIAR

Albert Speer, Hitler's wartime minister of armaments, as well as his favorite architect, completely dissociated himself from the Third Reich at the 1946 Nuremberg trials. He portrayed himself as an apolitical German who possessed "only a vague notion" of the Final Solution. Nevertheless, Speer conceded he felt "responsible for Auschwitz in a wholly personal sense." He said he had suffered from "deliberate blindness."

By his act of contriteness, Speer saved himself. Instead of swinging from the gallows, Speer spent 20 years in prison. Then he made a career for himself as a highly-paid memoirist.

Matthias Schmidt, a West German professor, is not enamored of Speer's so-called honesty. In *Albert Speer: The End of a Myth (St. Martin's Press, $14.95)*, he explains why.

Albert Speer

According to Schmidt, Speer was not merely a technocrat. "He was Hitler's loyal paladin and minister, and he masterfully manipulated the instruments of power politics in the National Socialist state," he writes.

Speer joined the Nazi Party three full years before Hitler became chancellor. During the war, he more than doubled Germany's armaments production, thereby prolonging Europe's agony. After the fall of the Third Reich, he claimed he would have liked to have joined the conspirators who tried to assassinate Hitler a year before. But, in truth, Speer was very loyal to his master. Schmidt says that as late as February of 1945 he assured Hitler of his unreserved allegiance to him and the Nazi cause.

Despite his disclaimers, Speer did have a hand in the Holocaust. Under his aegis 23,765 Jewish homes in Berlin were confiscated and their 75,000 inhabitants "resettled." Later, Speer claimed he had no precise knowledge of that operation!

In 1946, he claimed he had known as little about the concentration camps "as any other minister..." But, in a 1943 letter to Oswald Pohl, manager of the Nazis' SS factories, Speer authorized their construction.

As British historian Hugh Trevor Roper has written, Albert Speer was the "real criminal of Nazi Germany." Through a combination of political blindness and total willingness to serve Nazism, Speer fully implicated himself.

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Opinion

Ottawa committee calls for "floating holidays"

By
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OTTAWA —

Christmas Day would no longer be a statutory holiday for all Canadians regardless of their faith if one of the recommendations of a federal parliamentary committee on equality rights is adopted.

Instead, this and other Christian holidays like Good Friday would be included in a number of floating statutory holidays that could be taken in accordance with an employee's religious beliefs.

The 7-member all-party committee submitted its comprehensive 176-page report, entitled Equality for All, to the House of Commons in October, after six months of hearings in 12 Canadian cities from St. John's to Vancouver.

In accordance with the rules of the House, the government has 120 days — or until approximately the end of February — to provide a written response.

The committee, chaired by freshman Conservative MP Patrick Boyer (Etobicoke-Lakeshore), was handed a formidable mandate: to review all federal laws to determine whether they conform with the letter and spirit of the guarantee of equality and non-discrimination of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Because of its far-reaching effects on Canadian jurisprudence, Section 15 did not come into force until April 17, 1985, three years after the rest of the Charter became effective.

The delay was intended to give federal and provincial governments a chance to bring their laws into line with the section's provisions.

Some amendments to current laws have already been put in place, but, says the committee's report, few of these relate specifically to Section 15.

The courts are beginning to take up the slack. In the nine months since the section came into effect, a number of challenges to existing laws have been launched on issues ranging from minority religious observances to Sunday shopping to funding of private religious schools.

Boyer, a bilingual lawyer and journalist, hopes that the work of this committee will forestall an ever-increasing number of court cases.

Fighting case after case through the courts is a waste of time and money — and inconsistent with Parliament's responsibility to make legislation, he said.

Very few aspects of Canadian society escaped the attention of Boyer and his colleagues, who included Liberal MP Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal) and Svend Robinson (Burnaby), the NDP justice critic.

After sifting through 650 briefs and 2,500 pages of testimony, they produced 85 recommendations. The scope of their report covers a lifetime — from maternity and parental benefits to mandatory retirement.

Among other issues the report touches on are the rights of the disabled, part-time workers, and homosexuals.

The committee did not rely solely on public response to identify issues — the observance of religious holidays being a case in point.

"There were not a lot of submission on this," Boyer recalled. (The report lists The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, Atlantic Region; the Canadian Ethnocultural Council; the Seventh Day Adventist Church; and the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith.)

"But we felt there were a number of issues that we didn't hear about that nevertheless had to be addressed."

The recommendation that the committee came up with is for a determinate number of statutory holidays to be taken by all employees, together with a number of floating holidays that could be used for religious purposes.

Boyer explained: "No more holidays would be created. The fixed statutory holidays would be the secular holidays, like Labor Day."

Holidays that recognize Christian observance would become floating holidays. Most people would still take them, but in accordance with the concept of "reasonable accommodation" an employer would plan his activities, Boyer said, so that a non-Christian could, for example, work Christmas Day and use one of the "floating" holidays for Yom Kippur.

Enough floating holidays would be provided to accommodate the needs of most non-Christians, he said.

Would employers find this disruptive? "Show me one business that can't find something useful for an employee to do on any given day," Boyer said.

The committee was limited by its mandate to matters of federal law. But because, in the report's words, "the concerns of individual Canadians are unlikely to respect the boundaries of federal, provincial and municipal jurisdiction," the recommendations don't shy away from issues under provincial control, like a common day of rest.

The report recommends that provincial codes should "provide for days of rest that respect freedom of conscience and religious belief on a consistent basis."

Any such legislation should ensure that those who observe a Sabbath other than Sunday should be treated no differently than those who keep Sunday as a day of rest — a principle upheld in a recent Supreme Court decision which granted back pay to a Seventh Day Adventist dismissed by Simpsons-Sears when she refused to work regular Saturday shifts.

Another issue on which the committee's recommendations are coming at the same time as court decisions is that of mandatory retirement.

The Charter's prohibition of discrimination based on age has prompted a number of court challenges to mandatory retirement across the country. Ontario Labor Minister William Wrye recently set up a task force to study what Ontario should do if the courts invalidate compulsory retirement laws.

Boyer's committee has recommended that mandatory retirement be abolished. Employers would be permitted to set a limit only for some specialized jobs, like that of airline pilot, where the ability to function safely and efficiently can be closely related to age.

If this recommendation is adopted, Boyer said, employers may be encouraged to weed out unproductive employees early, rather than hanging on to them until their 65th birthdays solve the problem.

"Our country is in such dire straits in terms of competitiveness that we can't afford the luxury of dead wood."

The recommendation which has caught the most flak is that which would prohibit discrimination under the Canadian Human Rights Act on the grounds of sexual orientation, in other words, homosexuality.

His mail is running strongly against this recommendation, Boyer said. "It may be a little ahead of its time.

Patrick Boyer

"But Pat Boyer didn't invent homosexuality and didn't write Section 15. We're not saying this is morally right.

"We're saying: if you're a person who is handicapped, if your sexual orientation is homosexual, you should not be denied protection under human rights acts unless there are bona fide occupational requirements involved."

Homosexuals may not like being linked with the handicapped — but they would agree with Boyer that "if the majoritarian view is going to govern, then we wouldn't have Section 15 at all."

If Boyer is dealing with homosexual rights on what he described as "an intellectual versus a gut level," he deals with the rights of the disabled from the heart.

He has just been made chairman of the parliamentary committee on the disabled. One of the recommendations in the equality rights report is that that committee's mandate be expanded so that it can better monitor compliance with federal programs for the disabled.

"According to the recent mini-census, blind elderly women are the poorest of all Canadians," Boyer said, his voice rising in anger. "It's a disgrace."

The disabled in disadvantaged groups suffer doubly, Boyer said. "They are falling far behind and are not benefiting from special government programs" to the same extent as other groups whose rights need protection.

The report contains 10 recommendations on the rights of the physically disabled and three on those of the mentally disabled. They range from access to facilities and services to tougher federal legislation and monitoring.

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The range of the report is enormous, but its recommendations are detailed and specific. Many, like opening combat positions in the armed forces to women, or paying part-time workers pro-rated benefits, fly in the face of established tradition and business practice.

Boyer realizes that the work of his committee stands only as a blueprint for a society that offers Canadians equality and freedom from discrimination. As the report states:

"Our objective must always be the full realization of equality, which begins but does not end with the exercise in which this committee engaged."

Make each relationship more pleasant

Love to Jews not just for valentine

By
RABBI BERNARD S. RASKAS

Valentine's Day is popular because of its primary association with love . . . however the origin of this day is rather obscure. Some believe it is traced to the ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia. Others think it has to do with a Christian martyr named Valentine. Still others link it with an old English belief that birds chose their mates on Feb. 14. There is one school which believes that it comes from the Norman word *galantin* which means "a lover of women." It is probably a combination of all of these.

By the 17th century the custom of sending valentines to one's favorite developed. At first these were home-made items but by 1800 the first commercial valentines began to appear.

Then there developed the interesting feature of commercial valentines. Today, the U.S. post office estimates that over half a million valentines are sent out and this, of course, does not include those we give by hand. So one can safely assume that well over a million valentines are exchanged today.

So much for that. But, what about the Jewish view of Valentine's Day? It might surprise us to learn that there was a Jewish Valentine's Day during the time when the Temple stood. The following selection from the Talmud is fascinating.

Rabbi Simeon bem Gamliel said: There were no happier days for the Jewish people than the 15th of Av and Yom Kippur, on which the young girls of Jerusalem would venture forth. All of them would dress in simple white garments, borrowed from each other, so that not even the poorest among them need be embarrassed . . . They would venture forth to dance in the vineyards. What would they sing as they danced? "Lift up your eyes, young man, and look around that you might make your choice. Look not for beauty, but for family. Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a God-fearing woman is much to be praised." (Proverbs 31:30.)

This passage reveals the typical rabbinic overtones of equality and stressing that essential attributes are not physical but spiritual.

However, not all rabbis were strict moralists and some of them were very warm and understanding human beings. There is a very beautiful little passage to be found in a sermon given by a chassidic rabbi in the 18th century. He asks: "Why does it say in Genesis: 'Be fruitful, and multiply?' It is redundant. Wouldn't it have been enough to say, 'Be fruitful'? — or wouldn't it have been enough to say, 'multiple'? Why add something to the text?" He explained: "This is to show that there must be a plus to marriage. Animals have sex and multiply. In marriage there must be more than a physical relationship. A husband and wife must bring love, tenderness, and affection not only to the sexual act, but to their marriage."

We find many such passages in the 18th and 19th centuries which encourage expressions of love. Marriage was viewed not only as a spiritual relationship and a familial one but also one that involved romance and love. We have pictures of women during these times and they were dressed in the best fashion of their times. Indeed, research will demonstrate to us that romantic love is found in the Bible in an entire book named The Song of Songs. Perhaps, if more people read it carefully in our day, they might give it an X rating.

When it comes to passages of love, there is a charming story taken from shtetel life. A scholarly man said to Rabbi Abraham of Stretyn: "It is said that you give people strange drugs and that your drugs are most marvelous. Give me one such drug that I may attain to the fear of the Lord." "I know of no such drug," said Rabbi Abraham. "But if you wish I can give you one for the love of God." "All the better!" exclaimed the other. "Just you see that I get it." "It is the love of one's fellow human being," answered the rabbi.

Love to the Jew is not just something for Valentine's Day but for every day. Warmth, affection and tenderness is something that can make each relationship a little bit nicer and each day a little more pleasant.

Since on Valentine's Day it is traditional to send greetings to loved ones the following quotations might be appropriate for a Jewish valentine's message.

From The Song of Songs: "Your love is better than wine."

From the Apocrypha: "Wine and song rejoice the heart but better than that is the affection of lovers."

From Judah Al-Harizi: "O lovely maiden, tho hast drawn my heart."

From Emanuel di Roma: "Your eyes bewitch me, a glance thrills all my soul with wild delight."

From Abraham ibn Ezra: "Your face brightens the day."

From Heinrich Heine: "You are my love. You are my dearest friend."

From the Yiddish: "Love me a little less but love me longer," or "For a little love I would give my whole life."

From the Talmud: "When two souls kiss they are united in love."

Students at American Yeshiva once had a humorous Valentine's Day party and decided to write their own messages for a Jewish valentine's card. This is the one that everyone agreed was the best:

Roses are reddish
Violets are blueish
I love you
Because you are Jewish

Effort launched for Tu B'shvat to have Canadian trees protected

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Tu B'shvat is traditionally a time of renewal when tree planting ceremonies are held in Israel. This year one University of Toronto student launched a program to protect trees in Canada as well.

Robert Norman, a 23-year-old 2nd year geography and environmental science student, said that along with having children involved in tree planting programs in Israel, he managed to get school children involved in the holiday by having them bring in newspapers for recycling.

Norman said he launched the program as he wanted to see children link aspects of modern issues of renewal of resources with the holiday of Tu B'shvat.

He said 800 students at Holy Blossom religious school brought in over 3,000 pounds of paper which is equivalent to saving 25 mature trees.

Norman said he is pleased with the outcome of the program and hopes to repeat it next year, possibly involving more schools. In that case, he said, recycled paper could be sent to schools in Israel.

Opinion

Holocaust survivor sets out to balance the books

Not all Poles went along with Nazis' hideous plans

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Slightly more than 3 million Jews lived in Poland when Nazi Germany invaded in September of 1939. By the time the Germans were routed six years later, most Polish Jews had been exterminated. In addition to the estimated 250,000 Jews who fled Poland in the wake of Germany's occupation, anywhere from 50,000 to 100,000 Jews survived the Nazi onslaught.

Nechama Tec, now an associate professor of sociology at the University of Connecticut, was one of the fortunate survivors. For three years she lived under an assumed name, pretending to be a Roman Catholic. She and her family were sheltered by Christian Poles, without whose help they could not have survived. Their rescuers charged a fee for their service, but a "bond of affection" developed between them and the Tecs.

The rescue of Jews by Christians in wartime Poland, the subject of Tec's book, *When Light Pierced The Darkness (Oxford University Press, $27.95)*, is still shrouded in controversy. Thousands of Poles risked their lives by assisting Jews. The Nazis swiftly executed any Pole who helped Jews, and they were not loath to burn down entire villages if they thought that some of its inhabitants were suspect. It was therefore something of a miracle that Poles went out of their way to lend a hand to Jews. Of the 5,742 Righteous Gentiles recognized by Yad Vashem, 1,505 were Poles.

This is one side of the story. The other side is far less noble. The overwhelming majority of Poles were either indifferent or antagonistic to the fate of their Jewish fellow citizens. Poland's deeply ingrained anti-semitic traditions were such that Jews could expect relatively little sympathy from Christians. The Nazis, who were no fools, knew that. In rounding up Jews for the Final Solution, they encountered hardly any resistance from the local population.

Polish Jews have not forgotten the odious manner in which Polish Christians generally behaved before and during the war. But in their haste to condemn Poles, they often forget that Jewish survivors who remained in Poland during the war owe their lives to their Polish rescuers. In her study, which is based on interviews with rescuers and rescued, Nechama Tec sets out to balance the books.

Jews who survived the Holocaust did so by obtaining false identity papers or by going into hiding. She surmises that the more assimilated a Jew was, the more likely he or she could "pass" as a Christian. Few Jews could parade as Christians, not only because they usually spoke Polish with a distinct Yiddish accent, but also because they "looked" Jewish. Her evidence suggests that only 20% of Polish Jews had "typical" Polish features. But regardless of appearance, Jewish men were in special jeopardy, since they alone in Poland were cicumcised.

Tec concludes that the Jew most likely to succeed as a "Christian" in an Aryan neighborhood of a city was young, spoke Polish without a trace of Jewishness, felt at ease among Poles and did not look obviously Jewish. Most passing Jews, she adds, came from comparatively high socio-economic backgrounds, being well educated and financially well off. Religious, uneducated and poor Jews were unlikely to pass.

Jews could buy false identities in the black market, or could, if they were lucky, obtain them free of charge from the Polish underground. But becoming well acquainted with a new identity was only part of what a passing Jew had to know. Familiarity with Roman Catholicism was another important prerequisite. If a Jew was suspected of being a Jew and could not pass a test in Catholic dogma, he could be arrested and executed.

Blackmail was an ever-present threat to an "illegal" Jew, she writes. Some avaricious Poles were not above practicing it as a living. The activity was called *szmalcownik*, which came from the word *szmalec*, meaning fat. No one can tell how many blackmailers plied their trade. But, based on her interviews, Tec claims that 71% of the Jews were victimized by them, often more than once.

Jews who wern't able to get new ID cards had no choice but to hide. She explains that Poles who hid them were faced with countless problems. They had to build an appropriate hiding place that could withstand the scrutiny of Nazi raids. And they had to feed their charges. This was no small task, since food was scarce and exorbitantly expensive on the black market. Besides, the buying and carrying of large quantities of food could be a dangerous occupation.

In her analysis of the rescuers, Tec makes several points. More than half said they had close ties to Jews in the prewar period, and a similar proportion of the survivors reported that their Polish helpers had Jewish friends. Paid helpers, who were usually peasants, had had no Jewish friends.

She suggests that some Poles who assisted Jews did so to protest the Nazi occupation. But, compared to other motivations, politics played "a minor role" in the rescue of Jews. Leftist inclinations, though, were "strongly associated" with risk-taking behavior.

Whatever their reasons for helping Jews might have been, Tec observes, Poles held "contradictory images" about them. Jews were criticized for their refusal to assimilate. But assimilated Jews could be mocked for being too Polish.

In rare instances, the rescuers were outspoken anti-semites. Tec describes several of them. Jan Mosdorf, a devout Catholic and a lawyer, was a leader of ONR, a fascist organization, while Leon Nowodworski and Marceli Godlewski were influential members of the anti-semitic National Democratic Party. Why did they reach out and help Jews? Tec says they became appalled by the Final Solution, and, as "introspective" Catholic intellectuals, they may have been bothered that their anti-Jewish attitudes could have contributed to the destruction of the Jews.

During the war years, their negative image of Jews was overshadowed by the greater reality of Jewish helplessness. Of course, consummate anti-semites like Godlewski and Nowodworski were a rare breed. Almost every Pole of their ilk felt absolutely no remorse as the Holocaust went into high gear.

Members of the clergy were involved in helping Jews. But because the Catholic church had no monolithic position toward Jewish persecution, priests and nuns acted in terms of their personal values.

Tec claims that Zofia Kossak-Szczucka, a well-known writer noted for her rightist political views, and a member of FOP, a Catholic organization, was largely instrumental in creating the Council for Aid to Jews (Zegota).

Formed in 1942, Zegota was supported by the Polish government-in-exile based in London and by Jewish groups. Zegota helped Jews who managed to escape from the ghettos, and also smuggled money into the ghettos with the explicit purpose of helping them escape. Tec says up to 50,000 Jews may have benefited in one way or another from Zegota's help. In her opinion, the Socialists (PPS), under the leadership of Julian Grobelny, played the most active role in Zegota.

She declines to be drawn into a discussion as to whether the Home Army (AK), the fighting arm of the Polish government in Britain, extended sufficient aid to Jews. Given its anti-semitic membership, AK's relationship to Jews "remains a highly controversial topic", she says.

But Tec is firm in her belief that not only the Communists or the AK's left wing extended aid to Jews. On April 19, 1943, the first day of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, a non-leftist Home Army unit tried to break the ghetto wall. A day later, the same unit attacked Germans outside the ghetto, killing a few SS men.

She pays tribute particularly to one Pole, Henryk Iwanski, a leader of the AK's Security Corps, which was to the right of centre. Beginning in 1939, Iwanski and his unit supplied a group of former Jewish officers in Warsaw with food and ammunition. The help continued throughout the revolt, during which Iwanski lost two sons and a brother, and was severely wounded. Throughout the war, he saved Jews, regardless of the sacrifices.

Brave souls like Iwanski belie the view commonly held by Polish Jews that the Poles didn't give a damn about Jews in their hour of distress. Nechama Tec's book certainly sets the record straight in that respect. Regrettably, When Light Pierced The Darkness does not do enough justice to the topic. Although well-researched, it is, stylistically, glaringly uneven, a jarring mix of the personal and the academic.

One hopes that someone with greater writing talent, combining Tec's facility with statistical methods, will investigate this important field of history.

Nazis humiliate Jews, circa 1941. Polish Jews who were able to escape the Nazis dragnet hid with Christians or obtained false identity papers.

Fate takes the form of hope for Feinberg

Editor's note: Just about a year ago, Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg, rabbi emeritus of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple was advised that a tumor which had been removed from his abdomen was cancerous. The rabbi, aged 86, who now resides in Reno, writes in the Reno Gazette-Journal about his feelings and thoughts as he copes with this new crisis in his life. The article was published last September and we received a letter from him dated Jan. 6.

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The fundamental issue for me is not why but how I must handle this crisis?

As the period of recuperation lengthened I grew stronger in outlook and limb, and the aroused instinct for survival told me I must clamber out of the pit. Reaching back to my memory-bank for a guiding light, I found the brightest lodestar of my seminary days. On the fly-leaf of Jean Christof, a novel by Roman Rolland: "To know life, yet to love it."

"Know life." I think I do — a little — at 86.

That malignant wad in my abdomen has given me a course in continuing education. "Love life." First, love yourself. Trust, respect, have confidence in what you are. Courage! It seemed I lost that ingredient of life love on the operating table.

As time passed, I slowly salvaged a modicum of physical vitality. With it came a slight escape from concentration on the dark pages of the past. Instead, among the memories of gladness and triumph, I grew nostalgic for the seminary that ordained me, staunch old rabbinical colleagues, the rites of Judaism celebrated in my devout childhood, and redemptive faith of my parents.

Somehow all these changes in emphasis coalesced and converged on my spiritual dilemma. I began to nurture energy and will for worship in synagogue and retrain my eyesight for serious reading. Whenever I mentioned a plan for the future, whether great or small, I appended "God willing" in English or Hebrew.

Although the phrase had always struck me as clerical pietism, it now symbolized my new-found sense of being in the hands not of a malevolent disease, but rather of a benevolent Deity. And, as a side effect, the pains in my gut were dismissed as senior-citizen bloat rather than magnified into a preliminary to dread events down the road.

The final act in this scenario of quiet revolution is a self-appraisal I should have made on the day I entered the hospital. Namely, as a clergyman, I have the resources of religion to respond to crisis. The capstone and foundation of religion are faith.

And today faith takes the form of hope, not assent to theological doctrines, not the blind or wilful acceptance of a creed published in chapel or marketplace. I mean looking into our bloody, bomb-haunted world without despair. Above all, I mean making a supreme effort to reject surrender to terror of the messengers of death that may be proliferating from cancer cells in my flesh.

Instead I must gather up every intuition and perception that will help me reach out to hope as spiritual bastion. Argument, weighing this and that morsel of reason, fits an ecclesiastical dialogue, not this battle for my life.

Hope is a roseate look into the future. The eternal future, in the Beyond? Yes, ultimate hope flouts death, transmutes it to eternal life.

Death! It was never a prime preoccupation of my mind. Spinoza wrote for me when he admonished free men to think about life, not death. Perhaps the aging process should have persuaded me to prepare for the final journey, to view the present as a prelude to the day I meet my Maker for an accounting.

Perhaps, maybe, but it never did. I was addicted to the habit of dwelling in one world at a time. Here it is: solid, real, under my feet! The other world is a phantom of fulfilled desire, a void.

Now the Grim Reaper is breathing down my neck. Hunger for a sturdy bulwark against depression has changed the engulfing darkness into a positive promise of high adventure. Countless heros of the spirit all around me shape stress into strength, every day in every hospital bed and sickroom. So can I! In fact, I must.

The high technology that cleared my abdomen of the cancerous growth cannot clear a path through the impenetrable morass of ignorance to the one answer that eludes us: what awaits us beyond the final gasp? CAT-scans can't detect or disprove the chance of my continuing to exist; they are futile feather darts when aimed at the Hereafter. No one has ever returned to tell us. If we knew what God plans for us, we would be gods ourselves.

Socrates 25 centuries ago called death a dreamless sleep. He was to the end an urbane Athenian whose knowledge mirrored the entire world of his time. I am searching blindly to find truth about a realm yonder and about which I have no knowledge whatever. In this extremity, I find a sure basis for faith in my very ignorance.

Precisely because signposts are not available, I am at liberty to choose the way to faith rather than the scholastic way to non-existence. Not the medieval maxim to believe in spite of the facts, nor the modern scientific law to believe solely in obedience to the facts, but the will to believe in the absence of facts!

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Since I am too old for another operation and in all likelihood for chemotherapy, I hope that the spiritual program I think I have wrenched from travail shall be a sturdy armament no less redemptive than the "Everlasting Arms," whatever happens, God willing.

Opinion

Netorei Karta identifies itself with Jewish state's enemies

Sect fights Israel from the heart of Jerusalem

By
J. B. SALSBERG

This could happen only in democratic Israel.

From the very centre of Jerusalem the far-out, ultra-Orthodox sect, known as the Netorei Karta, conducts, from its Jerusalem enclave, known as Mea She'arim, a merciless war against the Jewish state and brazenly identifies itself with the PLO and other Arab enemies of Israel. It is unbelievable, but true.

J.B. Salsberg

Before proceeding I feel obliged to offer a bit of enlightenment to those of our readers who may not be acquainted with the Orthodox scene in Israel.

I plead with you not to confuse the Netorei Karta with any other Orthodox community in Israel. Remember, my dear readers, that there are Orthodox Zionists, like the Mizrachi; there are also non-Zionist Orthodox parties and movements, like the Agudat Israel and others, that are thoroughly integrated into Israel's social and political life.

The Netorei Karta, on the other hand, is like a weed that spreads its venom against the Jewish state and strives for recognition and collaboration with the PLO and other anti-Israel elements in the Arab world.

It publicly proclaims its objective of destroying the Jewish state. It maintains that the birth of Israel was an act of defiance of the Messianic belief and that the Jewish state is actually a barrier to the Messianic fulfilment. Hence it's a mitzvah to destroy that evil — Israel.

To achieve this "sacred" goal the fanatics disregard Israeli laws, reject all contacts with state agencies and turn themselves inside out to be accepted by Jordan, the PLO and other Arab states and groupings. Fantastic . . . but true.

"Foreign minister" says Mea She'arim autonomous zone

All this is, as they say, old stuff. Why then do I now turn to this weed that grows in Israel's garden (and not only in Israel)? Because they have recently become so defiant that one cannot help but cry out in anguish.

Since the Netorei Karta disowns Israel it acts as a self-governing tribe and one of its leaders, Reb Moshe Hirsch, is acting as "the foreign minister" of Mea She'arim. It is he who "confers" with PLO and other Arab leaders and it is he who strives mightily to gets Jordan and the PLO to incorporate his intolerant band into the Arab network.

• For some time now the "foreign minister" of the anti-Israel Jewish sect has tried to convince Jordan to consider them as Jordanians and issue passports to them as such.

• Recently, when Israel replied to PLO acts of terrorism, at home and on the high seas, by bombing the PLO headquarters in Tunisia, the "foreign minister" of the fanatics sent a telegram of sympathy to Arafat.

• Recently also, the "foreign minister" negotiated with the PLO about issuing a special "anti-Zionist" passport to "his people" so that if caught in a terrorist hijacking the terrorists should know that the holder of such a passport is an anti-Zionist.

• The Netorei Karta "minister" has also informed Yasser Arafat that if the PLO should find it expedient to form a Palestine government-in-exile, then the Netorei Karta will be prepared to assign a representative to such a government. According to a prominent and highly respected Israeli journalist, Shmuel Shnitzer, of the daily Maariv, Yasser Arafat recently informed the sect that he decided to recognize them as "an integral part of the Palestinian people."

• At a meeting with one of the U.S. embassy staff the "foreign minister" spoke of the "Palestine situation," he showed his Netorei Karta's new passport and in an article in an Arab newspaper of Jerusalem the "foreign minister" referred to Mea She'arim as an "autonomous zone" or "entity."

• The New York Orthodox Yiddish weekly, Der Algemeiner Journal, of Jan. 17 (non-supportive of the Netorei Karta) carries a picture of the "foreign minister" drinking coffee with the mufti of Jerusalem. It was a visit to express the Netorei Karta's solidarity with the Arabs in the recent skirmish that occurred when certain members of the Knesset (mostly Orthodox) visited the Arab area of a Moslem holy place.

How long can restrained criticism last?

What's to be done? I really don't know. As a democratic state Israel can't deny freedom of expression. But, where is the fine line between freedom of thought and expression and collaboration with sworn enemies of the Jewish state?

And, perhaps most important, how long can people display only restrained criticism of Quislings because the Quislings are "devout" Jews? Really, how long?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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CHOP SUEY VS. JEWRY

In his Jan. 23 letter ("Would we back Moonies?"), reader Chaim Goldberg equates the Moonies and organized murder with advertising non-kosher eating establishments in The CJN.

Well, really, it's not like that at all. I have sampled some of the dishes served in those establishments and I have walked out very much a Jew, not one bit assimilated and in excellent health.

So much for the Moonies and assassination bureaus.

Then he goes on reminding other readers that Judaism has thrived on laws and principles, not convenience. Right. No argument there.

However, he should remind himself that what gives an individual right to any Jewish person to patronize any restaurant he chooses, is the following fact:

Ultimately, every Jew will have to stand alone in front of his maker and give a full account of his actions committed in this world. *Alone*, not with a lawyer at his side, nor with a rabbi, and definitely not with reader Chaim Goldberg.

Chaim Goldberg will not have to answer on behalf of anyone but himself.

This ultimate act, I believe, gives any Jewish individual or a Jewish publication the right to distinguish the moral difference between an assassination bureau and a plate of chop suey.

Ed Binder
Montreal

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RITUAL SLAUGHTER VS. SPORT

Is it not interesting that the same people who wish to outlaw Jewish ritual slaughter, because it is not humane, are not opposed to the sport of hunting and fishing, where the desire or need for food is not usually the reason for the activity?

It seems that the pain of the animal can be overcome by other considerations, such as human amusement. Why not the consideration of religious requirement?

Even those who are opposed to animal experimentation do not seem to object to fishing and hunting.

Rabbi Jacob Chinitz
Halifax

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CHRIST CONVERTS VS. JEWRY

At a recent Sabbath service at a small Montreal synagogue, an elderly couple sat silently through the service, helped themselves generously to the kiddush meal and proceeded to proselytize me about Jesus Christ.

They identified themselves only as lifelong fundamentalists belonging to a non-denominational evangelical church in suburban Montreal.

They preached that they were Jews by virtue of their acceptance of a Jewish Messiah; that they loved the Jewish people; that the new vine was to be grafted onto the old vine and that we unconverted were being denied the knowledge of eternal salvation.

I thanked them profusely for their love for us and continued with a few brief examples of how the pages of Christian history drip with Jewish blood.

To their protestations that these perpetrators were not true Christians, I observed that they were certainly not Buddhists. And I explained to them that, if there was to be any question of our respecting their faith (conversion, obviously, was not an issue), they should think about going back into their own texts and dealing with their own problem — that being the intolerance bred by the Christian teaching that there is no other path to God but through Jesus.

I merely would like to alert other members of the Montreal Jewish community to the possibility that this may not have been an isolated event, but rather the product of a new idea on the part of some zealots as to how next to save our souls.

If people are forewarned, it may be easier to show such invaders rapidly to the door rather than allowing them to disrupt the peace and joy of our own Sabbath inside our own sanctuaries.

Nina Moliver
Montreal

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MILLION, NOT BILLION

I have long been an advocate of a strong Israeli economy, benefiting from a healthy infrastructure emphasizing research and development, the arts and, of course, tourism.

I was therefore heartened to read the Jewish Telegraphic Agency wire service report (CJN Jan. 16) that one-third of the earth's population had toured the Holy Land in 1985: "A record 1.4 billion visited the country."

I hope and pray that figure is surpassed this year.

Mark Mietkiewicz
Toronto

Editor's note: *It would be nice if one third of the world's population did visit Israel, but, of course, the statistic is somewhat exaggerated . . . due to a typo slip. It should have read 1,430,000 (1.430 million).*

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DAVID'S THANKS FOR DOLLARS

Once again, the Jewish community has brought happiness to thousands of children in Israel by caring and sharing at Chanukah through your "Dollars for David" contribution.

Even after so many years of watching our campaign grow, I still marvel at the kindness and generosity of the Canadian Jewish community.

Canadian Jewish News readers in cities across Canada have responded to our appeal by sending us what we consider to be expressions of love and concern in little orange envelopes. We of Na'amat Pioneer Women are grateful.

On behalf of 23,000 children in Na'amat Pioneer Women day/night homes and day-care centres across Israel, each of whom felt your love at Chanukah, I would like to thank all of you who care so much.

Goldie Burstein
Toronto

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RABBI MONSON AS SENATOR?

We all have read about this or that person from Ontario who may be appointed to the Canadian Senate.

May I suggest to you a name that would do honor to all our people throughout Canada.

Rabbi David Monson, now that he is rabbi emeritus of Beth Sholom Synagogue, would have even more time for his good deeds.

This man's record of service to both Jews and non-Jews speaks for itself.

A Senate appointment for Rabbi David Monson would match that of another great Canadian, Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander.

George Barrett
Toronto

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A BOUQUET TO LUNGEN

Re Paul Lungen's Jan. 9 article headed "Mohel's knife given to Beth Tzedec Museum" and subheaded "Treasured by Linder family":

May I thank you for a very heartfelt and inspiring tribute that you paid to our late father, Rev. Wolfe Linder.

Lungen captured the very essence of the man... straightforward and with humor.

Cec Linder
Toronto

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THANKS FROM COUNCIL

On behalf of the Canadian Council of Jewish Federations, I should like to thank your reporters for the excellent articles regarding the federation executive recruitment and education program published in The Canadian Jewish News in January.

We appreciated how accurately and informatively the pieces were written. As a consequence, we have received many inquiries regarding this necessary program.

Lynne Dorfman
Toronto

Chana Shields, 15-year-old student at Ulpanat Orot Girls School, is author of poem devoted to "Madman" Muammar Qadaffi.

ODE TO MADMAN MUAMMAR

I enclose a poem written by my daughter, Chana Shields, devoted to a certain Libyan madman.

My daughter is a 15-year-old in grade 11 of Ulpanat Orot, the girls' private high school which is part of Toronto's B'nei Akiva.

Chana's poem reads:

Here's a madman! He's a jerk!
He's so dang sure it will work!
He's waging war! He's ending lives!
He's killing children, men and wives!
Seems the power's in his hands . . .
Everyone bowing to his demands!
At the airports, he's a terror!
Yet HE says it was all an error!
Just a warning! Nothing more!
He wants to start a third world war!
He's waiting for the States to say,
"No More Violence! Stop Today!
Then, with his Commie friend,
He'll try to bring Israel to an end!
That's his purpose! That's his goal!
He wants it with his "heart" and "soul!"
He'll wage a war against the world
For a nation, small, like a pearl!
He'll never care just who he kills!
His "mind" suffers many ills!
He's the devil! Such a "toughie!"
He's the madman, Muammar Qadaffi!

Altor Shields
Toronto

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World-National

BB wants opportunity to correct "any mistakes"

Court asked to make Deschenes release reports

BY
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada last week asked Federal Court to order the Deschenes Commission to release eight confidential reports that deal with possible legal redress against war criminals in Canada.

As The CJN went to press, no judgment had yet been rendered.

David Matas, counsel for BB, told The CJN the reports deal with possible courses of action against war criminals, among them extradition, prosecution and denaturalization.

Commission secretary Karen Logan said the Commission opposed the BB application. Earlier, Deschenes said release of the documents would encourage unproductive debate and contribute nothing to his investigation.

According to Matas, Commission lawyer Yves Fortier argued the court had no jurisdiction to order the reports released. Fortier also cited solicitor-client privilege and the fairness of the Commission in allowing presentations by BB during its hearings as further reasons to disallow the application.

Matas argued the court did have jurisdiction and that, pursuant to its duty of fairness, the Commission had the duty to release the documents. He also submitted that since the Commission was conducting a public inquiry, there was a duty to make the documents public.

A representative of Canadian Jewish Congress, which like BB has standing before the Commission, appeared before court and endorsed the League's position.

Following the full day taken by the BB application, court heard a similar presentation by Kenneth Narvey, on behalf of the North American Jewish Students Network-Canada. That application was dismissed by Federal Court Justice Bud Cullen.

Matas said the League has "had a constant position — that it is legally possible to bring Nazi war criminals to justice.

"We were concerned that the reports took the opposite view and we wanted the opportunity to respond to it and correct it if there were any mistakes."

Judge Deschenes said last fall the reports are independent legal opinions which might be included as an appendix to his report, scheduled for release later this year.

They were prepared by eight teams of experts, headed by Jacques Bellemare of Montreal, Donald Bryk of Winnipeg, Gowan T. Guest of Vancouver, John Laskin of Toronto, Neil McKelvey of Saint John, NB, Prof. George Neuspiel of Ottawa, Michel Proulx of Montreal and Prof. Sharon Williams of Toronto.

Jewish Agency's board to hold meeting in NY

TORONTO —

The Jewish Agency will hold its first ever board of governors meeting outside Israel on Feb. 18-19 in New York, following which agency members will meet with representatives of community organizations throughout the continent, including those in Toronto.

The board meeting is a prelude to Jewish Agency Week (Feb. 20-27), comprising a series of visits to Jewish communities in North America. On Feb. 20, agency representative Ray Epstein will visit Toronto.

Epstein, lay chairman of the budget committee of the JA based in Chicago, will be the guest at Toronto Jewish Congress' monthly meeting, according to Steve Ain, TJC executive director.

Epstein, described by Ain as "one of the smartest lay people I've met," will discuss the work and budget of the Jewish Agency and the problems the agency has in allocating its funds among its many projects.

The Jewish Agency allocates funds raised in the Diaspora and runs social development projects in Israel.

Its mandate includes absorption and immigration, agricultural settlement, youth care and training, higher education and social services. Approximately 60% of money raised in Canada through United Jewish Appeal and Combined Jewish Appeal fund raising campaigns is directed to Israel through the United Israel Appeal.

The board of governors meeting in New York represents an opportunity for JA people to go to the communities which provide the money for its projects and exchange views, Ain stated.

Controversy has surrounded the JA in recent years, he added, because of the agency's politicization. Half of the board and executive consist of World Zionist Organization appointees (the other half are representatives of Diaspora fund raising organizations), and these appointees are designated in proportion to the representation Israeli political parties have in the Knesset.

"We in the federation movement in North America are not used to dealing with a politicized organization," Ain said, where people in positions of authority may be appointed because of political considerations.

Jewish Agency Week was endorsed by the leaders of four major Jewish organizations — the Council of Jewish Federations, United Israel Appeal, United Jewish Appeal and the WZO-American section.

In a joint statement by the leaders of the organizations, they state "the series of visits to communities throughout North America will allow for a deepening of the partnership between Israel and North American Jewry.

"The meetings, involving community campaign leadership, boards of directors of Jewish federations, JA committees of federations and Zionist leadership with JA governors and staff will serve to further our mutual understanding and mutual responsibilities."

Security system to use computer

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The federal government last week announced a new computer system, to be tested in a 6-month pilot project at Toronto Pearson International Airport, which it says will aid in catching terrorists trying to enter the country.

Walter McLean, minister of state for immigration, told a press conference that the new computer terminals will speed up security at the airport and improve detection of "unwanted visitors" as well as of inadmissible immigrants and illegals.

The cost of the pilot project will be $1.3 million and if successful, the system will be installed at all points of entry in Canada, McLean said.

The new system, to be set up at Terminal 1 at Pearson, will replace the existing system, which employs microfiche cards and is time consuming, the minister added.

The new system, called FOSS III, will access with Canadian security data, which is fed by Interpol and other police and security agencies. It can identify a suspicious person in three seconds, McLean explained.

"There is no doubt in my mind that FOSS III will help us improve airport security and anti-terrorist screening," he said.

From now on, everyone arriving at Terminal 1 will have his name entered into the system by customs officers. Any suspects will be taken right away to immigration inspectors.

McLean said that currently, only 3% of travelers who seem to be suspicious enough to be taken to immigration.

The minister also unveiled a scheme whereby prospective immigrants and long term visitors will be required to pay partially for the cost of processing their applications.

McLean said the plan will bring an estimated $15 million annually into government coffers.

From now on, the cost of a request for permanent residence in Canada will be $125; a request for employment authorization or an application to extend visitor status in Canada will cost $50 and a request to verify landing or to amend a landing record will cost $25.

Fire at Empire won't mean halt to product flow

MIFFLINTOWN —

A fire that destroyed the Empire Kosher Foods Inc. processing plant last week will not affect the availability of its products, according to Murray Katz, the company president.

He told the Philadelphia Jewish Exponent that despite damages estimated at between $15 milion and $17 million, the company, claimed to be the world's largest kosher chicken factory, plans to shift operations from this central Pennsylvania town while reconstruction gets under way on the 220,000-square-foot plant.

The plant which was damaged processed such products as barbecued chickens, deli meats, hot dogs, chicken pies and soups.

The company employs about 1,000 workers and plans to transfer most of them to its plant in nearby Mount Union while the damaged plant is being rebuilt.

The company slaughters and processes up to 70,000 chickens daily under the supervision of 50 Orthodox rabbis.

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Joint research and development foundation announced

Peres, Kohl minimize differences during visit

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Peres was returning the visit to Israel by Kohl in 1984. President Richard von Weizsaecker visited Israel last year, the first German chief of state to do so. Peres spent five days in Britain before coming here. Prior to that, he went to Holland, where he conferred with the Spanish prime minister after Spain and Israel formally established diplomatic relations.

At a state reception, Chancellor Kohl said that an important political aim of West Germany is to help safeguard Israel's future and maintain its viability.

Kohl announced earlier the creation of a joint German-Israeli research and development foundation to be headquartered in Israel. He said the Federal Republic would make available 75 million marks for the project (about $30 million) and the Israel government would provide a matching sum.

Kohl, appearing with Peres at a press conference, said several of his cabinet ministers will visit Israel shortly to discuss details of the enterprise. He said research in medicine, biogeography and irrigation will be among its major activities. One of the aims of the new foundation will be to develop products and processes based on Israel's experience in settling desert areas.

Kohl and Peres seemed to go out of their way to demonstrate German-Israeli friendship and minimize their differences on political and diplomatic issues. Peres spoke of international terrorism, saying that the European countries which have condemned terrorism and decided not to supply arms to Libya are on the right track.

He said he had discussed briefly with Kohl proposed German arms sales to Arab countries and stressed Israel's opposition to such shipments to any country technically in a state of war with Israel.

The German chancellor said, "We feel closely linked with Israel and therefore see it as our practical duty to assist in Israel's development and to stand by her. We do this in our bilateral relationship, within the European framework and within the United Nations."

In another development, Peres met with the bundestag foreign affairs committee to explain Israel's position on the Palestinian issue. He said he was still waiting for a reply to his latest initiative to open negotiations with Jordan.

Some members of the committee were highly critical of Israel's refusal to engage in talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Peres breakfasted with President von Weizaecker and had meetings later with Defence Minister Manfred Woerner and Economics Minister Martin Bagemann. Israel and West Germany are cooperating to some extent in research for arms production and Israel sells certain military equipment to Bonn.

Peres also had a meeting with members of the opposition Green Party, which has largely sided with the Arabs and has been accused of harboring anti-semitic elements.

The meeting was initiated by the Greens' bundestag faction, which sent a letter to the Israel embassy expressing great interest in a first-hand report from Peres on Israel's position with respect to the Palestinian issue. The Green Party delegation was headed by Juergen Reents, the man who led a group of Green Party members on a visit to Israel in December, 1984.

Peres also met separately with former Chancellor Willy Brandt, leader of the opposition Social Democratic Party (SPD); and with the conservative prime minister of Bavaria, Franz-Joseph Strauss, leader of the Christian Social Union (CSU), which is part of Kohl's ruling coalition.

On his last day in Germany, Peres visited West Berlin, the first Prime Minister of Israel to visit the city that was the capital of the Third Reich. Peres was the second Israeli Premier to come to West Germany. Yitzhak Rabin, when he was Prime Minister, came here in 1975.

Reagan agrees to delay arms sale to Jordanians

WASHINGTON (UPI)— President Reagan has agreed to postpone indefinitely a $1.9 billion arms sale to Jordan to avoid a politically embarrassing defeat, congressional spokesman said last week.

Reagan is expected to pledge to delay the arms sale proposal unless Jordan makes progress in its peace talks with Israel. In that event, Congress would have 30 days in which to block the arms transfer.

Defeat of the arms sale has been certain since last October when Reagan agreed to postpone the transfer until March 1 unless Jordan was holding direct and substantive peace talks with Israel.

With the March 1 delay agreement nearing expiration and no direct talks between Israel and Jordan in progress, opponents such as Senators Alan Cranston, D-Calif., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., were prepared to introduce another resolution this week to kill the sale.

This would be seen as an outright repudiation, an outcome Reagan's supporters sought to avoid last October.

The White House has agreed to pledge that it is "indefinitely delaying" the sale, a spokesman for Sen. Richard Lugar said. Lugar is chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee.

A spokesman for Cranston said the administration agreed to state the sale "is no longer pending. They will not use the obvious word — withdrawn."

This allows the administration to tell Jordan's King Hussein that the sale "is not withdrawn or killed but it is still an option," Lugar's spokesman said.

More than 270 House members had pledged to vote for a resolution killing the sale, and about 75 senators were expected to vote down the proposal as well. In the face of such numbers — more than enough to defeat a presidential veto of a resolution of disapproval — the White House retreated again.

Astronaut trained at Toronto's Spar

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"We are a very close family," said David Resnik. "I just don't know what to say."

Aides to President Ronald Reagan said he has made condolence calls to the families of all seven astronauts (Resnik, Scobee, Smith, McAuliffe, McNair, Onizuka and Jarvis) including Resnik's father.

Resnik, 36, was one of three mission specialists aboard Challenger.

Born and raised in Akron, she earned a Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at Carnegie-Mellon University in 1970.

She was then employed as a design engineer by RCA and worked on several NASA projects.

From 1974-1977 Resnik was a biomedical engineer and staff fellow in the Laboratory of Neurophysiology at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md.

In 1977 she received a doctorate in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland.

Before her selection by NASA for space flight training in 1978, she was a senior systems engineer in product development with Xerox at El Segundo, Calif.

After completing her year's training as an astronaut, she worked on projects related to the development of Orbiter Discovery.

During her mission on Discovery, Resnik used the Canadian-built space arm to delicately break away a chunk of ice that built up on the side of the shuttle.

Peter Chadwick, program manager for the Canadarm at Spar Aerospace's remote manipulator systems plant in Toronto told the Toronto Star he used to have "many a beer with Judy," when she trained at the company.

"She was a vivacious lady, full of go. She was very like a sister — helpful and always making sure that things were right."

Resnik's paternal grandparents came from Kiev. They fled Russia in the late 20s and settled in Palestine before coming to the U.S.

Unmarried at the time of the tragedy, Resnik would have been 37 in April.

Jerusalem confirms Hadass appointment

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has formally named Shmuel Hadass, a career diplomat, as its first ambassador to Spain. The announcement followed a cabinet meeting where the ministers were informed that Premier Minister Felipe Gonzalez of Spain has already assured Premier Shimon Peres that his government would welcome Hadass' appointment.

Hadass is no stranger to Madrid. He has been Israel's representative for the past four years to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in the Spanish capital. As such, he was in effect the shadow ambassador of Israel to a country with which it had no diplomatic relations.

Spain and Israel established formal diplomatic ties on Jan. 17. The Spanish cabinet has approved the appointment of Spain's first ambassador to Israel, Pedro Lopez Aguirrebenoga, who is currently ambassador to Greece. A Spanish government team is expected in Israel shortly to find suitable premises for their embassy and an ambassadorial residence.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, meanwhile, predicted that there will be "good news" shortly with respect to Israel's efforts to reestablish diplomatic ties with more Black African nations. Israel already has relations with Liberia and Zaire, and in December Ivory Coast agreed to renew diplomatic relations with Israel, though so far it has not implemented that decision.

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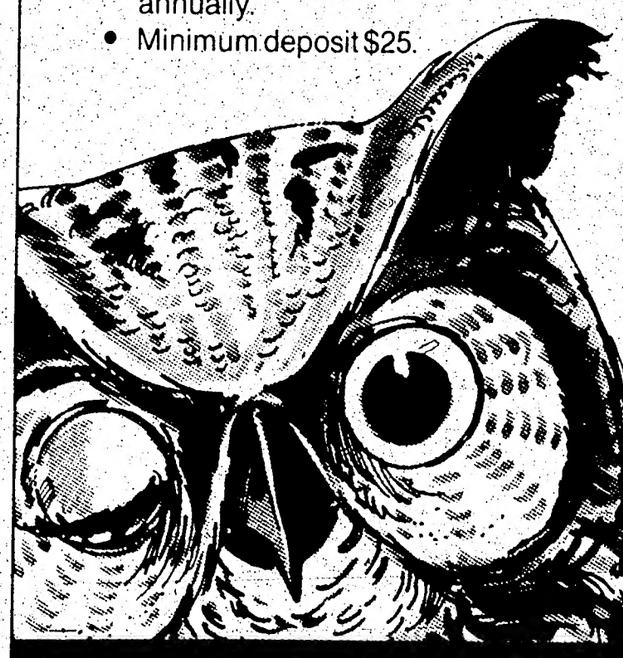

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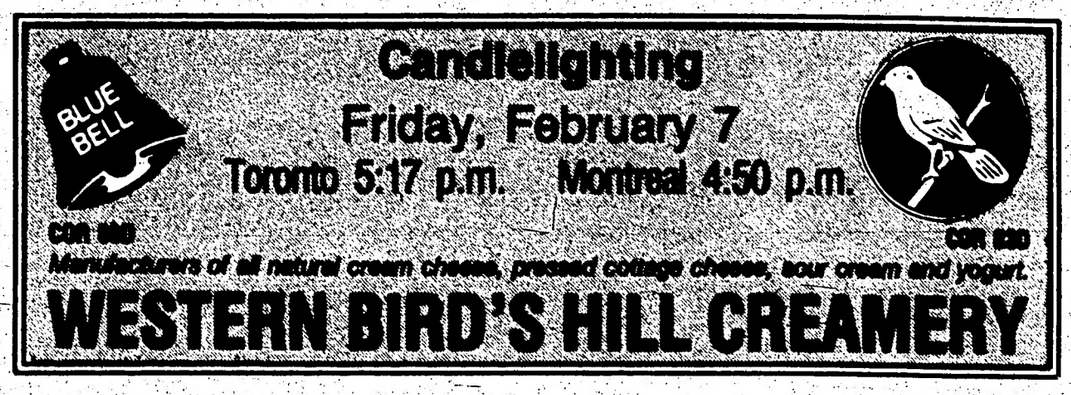
By MIRIAM CHINSKY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Sunday, Feb. 9

WALK AGAINST APARTHEID

On Sunday, Feb. 9, at 11 a.m., New Jewish Agenda is sponsoring a Walk Against Apartheid through the Toronto Jewish community in the Bathurst and Baycrest area. The objective is to further the struggle against apartheid by urging the Jewish community to boycott South African products.

Concerned individuals are invited to meet at the intersection of Bathurst and Baycrest. People of all ages are welcome. Dress warmly.

For additional information, call **Ken Wyman,** 362-2926.

Take a walk for freedom.

CONGREGATION HABONIM

Congregation Habonim, 12 Hollaman Rd. (Glencairn and Bathurst area), welcomes everyone to another in its series of cultural afternoons on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2.30.

Dr. Vivian Rakoff, director at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, will give a provocative address on How to Be a Zionist Without Being a Chauvinist.

A discussion period follows, and refreshments will be served.

Admission is free.

HUNGARIAN LODGE INFORMATION

B'nai B'rith Canada is forming a lodge for Jews of Hungarian descent. All are cordially invited to attend a meeting at 10.30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 in the B'nai B'rith Centre, 15 Hove St. (Bathurst and Sheppard area).

Guest speaker **Moshe Benzioni,** vice-consul at the Israeli consulate, will discuss Terrorism: Its Effect on Israel and the World.

To inquire further, call **Frank Rubin,** 781-1679 or **Debbie Cowitz,** 633-6224.

BETH SHOLOM BREAKFAST CLUB

Beth Sholom Tallis and Teffilin Breakfast Club, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., meets Sunday, Feb. 9, to hear **Dr. Maurice Druck,** cardiologist at Mississauga's Credit Valley Hospital and chairman of the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Emergency Cardiac Care.

Learn about Heart Disease and Risk Factors, when Dr. Druck provides information and shows a film, Heart to Heart, which is about a support and education program for heart surgery patients.

Service is at 9.30 a.m., breakfast follows, and the program begins at 10.30.

Chairman is **Alderman Ben Nobleman** and co-chairman is **Harry Goldstein.**

BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

A warm invitation is extended to attend the opening party of The Book Discussion Club, 1986, co-ordinated by **Nathan Garnick,** at 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 9 in the Lipa Green Building, Room 421, 4600 Bathurst St.

Adele Wiseman's book, Crackpot, will be reviewed by the University of Toronto's **Dr. Jill Matus.**

—Refreshments and a social hour follow. Cost is $4. RSVP by calling 635-2996.

This party launches a 9-session series on alternate Sundays. Total fee is $25 including refreshments. Register in person before or during the opening session, or contact the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, M2R 3V3.

Monday, Feb. 10

BIALIK REUNION MEETING

Bialik Hebrew Day School will hold a meeting on Monday, Feb. 10, at 1.30 p.m. in the boardroom, 12 Viewmount Ave., to plan the 25th anniversary reunion which is scheduled for April 12.

ALJS

The Discussion Group of the Association for the Living Jewish Spirit meets at 7.30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 10 in Forest Hill Public Library, 666 Eglinton Ave. W. Everyone is welcome, especially the doubters and certainly the seekers.

The group continues with the theme, Other Modern Approaches to Judaism, and the subject for Feb. 10 is, Zionism: Has It Helped Us Cope with the Modern Challenge?

Discussion leaders are **Rabbi Reuben Slonim** and **Dr. Felix Eckstein.**

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Willowdale presents The Baby Arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby, the second in a series of four monthly meetings. Childbirth options, the first few postpartum weeks and other issues will be discussed.

Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome.

This meeting is set for 8.15 p.m., Monday, Feb. 10 at 108 Fisherville Rd. (one block south of Steeles, between Bathurst and Dufferin.

For more information or for breastfeeding help, call **Elaine,**663-8003 or **Ruth,** 736-1758.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

BETH DAVID LUNCH AND LEARN

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood invites you to its Lunch and Learn program, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Rabbi Phillip Scheim will offer a slide show and discussion on Russia Revisited.

To reserve, phone 633-5500 or 222-5377. Cost is $4 for members, $5, non-members.

Babysitting is available on request.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Toronto hosts Persistence is the Name of the Game: The Search for Family Plaut, a talk by **Elizabeth Plaut,** author for Search magazine and expert in German-Jewish genealogy research.

Meet in the Fanny Green Hall, Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., 7.20 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 12.

All levels of genealogists are welcome including beginners!

Call **Rayzel Robinson,** 667-3647 for more information.

JEWISH BROTHERHOODS COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods of Metropolitan Toronto and Vicinity, an organization comprising Men's Clubs and Brotherhoods of the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Sephardi communities, will be held at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m.

The speaker will be **Steven Kelman,** independent financial consultant and a former associate editor of the Financial Times, who will explain Financial Planning and RRSP's.

A question and answer period, plus a social gathering follows. Wives and friends are cordially invited.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

At the next meeting of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles, Toronto Chapter, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, in Holy Blossom Temple Youth Lounge, 1950 Bathurst St., **Sybil Rempen** will demonstrate embroidery techniques using a sewing machine and hand stitching. She will have slides and samples of her work.

Membership in the guild is $25 annually. Non-members are welcome at meetings for a nominal fee of $2. Coffee is served.

BEGINNING BOARDSAILING

If you've been thinking about how wonderful it would be to feel the wind blowing through your hair as you cling to your sailboard and guide it across the tips of waves, a session on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 8-10 p.m. in Don Mills Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. E., will tell you what you need to know to start making the fantasy a reality.

Thursday, Feb. 13

TUPPERWARE PARTY

A Tupperware party hosted by Club Dafna of Na'amat Pioneer Women is set for 7.30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 13 at 23 Oxbow Rd. (one block east of Bayview off York Mills).

Everyone is welcome and bring your friends. Door prizes.

If you are unable to attend and would like to order Tupperware, or if you have any questions, call 661-7273 or 785-1290.

And What Else Is New . . .

CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

Have a fun-filled day with your family at the Children's Carnival to be sponsored by Club Dayan, Na'amat Pioneer Women, Sunday, Feb. 16, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., in Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave.

Admission is only 75¢ and there will be games and prizes, movies, boutiques, and snack bar plus much more. Children must be accompanied by adults.

Proceeds go to Na'amat Pioneer Women children's installations in Israel.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Volunteers are urgently needed to deliver hot meals to the elderly in various areas of North York.

Drivers or runners who are able to help any weekday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. would be very much appreciated.

Gas allowance will be paid to drivers.

Please call Downsview Services to Seniors, 630-7646 or 633-9519.

BEBY YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Young Married Couples Club invites you to attend a Valentine's Day/February Blues party on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m., 1 Canyon Ave., Apt. 1109.

To RSVP and for further information, call **Judy** and **Charles Champagne,** 789-9275 or **Doris** and **Malcolm Pearce,** 493-4281.

REAL ESTATE LAW COURSE

York University's Centre for Continuing Education is offering a 9-hour mini-course in Real Estate Law, designed for present and potential home owners, real estate agents, mortgage brokers and people considering a paralegal career.

The Wednesday series, to be conducted by lawyer **Jeffrey Freelan,** is scheduled for Feb. 26, March 5 and 12, 7-10 p.m., at Osgoode Hall Law School, York Campus, 4700 Keele St. Fee is $45.

For more information or a brochure, call **Adele Minoli, 667-2504.**

TELEM HEBREW CLASSES

Telem, the movement for Zionist fulfilment, is now opening registration for its second session of weekly Hebrew classes at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels.

Classes will commence the week of Feb. 17, and everyone is welcome.

For additional information, to register, and/or find out about Telem's other activities, contact **Miriam Bernknopf,** 665-3588.

TZAVTA LECTURE

Terrorism in the Middle East will be explored when **Prof. Jossi Olmert** of Tel Aviv University, currently visiting professor of Middle Eastern Studies at York University, speaks at the Tzavta lecture series, 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 158, Saturday, Feb. 15 at 8 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES

Mackenzie Collegiate, 20 Tillplain Rd., (Wilson Heights-Sheppard area), offers credit courses for adults in Art and Introductory Computers. These will be held two or three mornings per week from February through May.

Adults may also enrol in any other courses offered in the regular school program.

For additional information call 636-0580.

CAKE DECORATING

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood is holding a special interest program, cake decorating with marzipan, demonstrated by **Linda Morganstein** who has won many awards for her decorating productions, to take place at the synagogue on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. The charge is $5 for members, $6.50 non-members. Babysitting is available on request.

For reservations call the synagogue office, 633-5500.

FOSTER GRANDPARENTING

Seniors are wanted for a Foster Grandparenting Program. Volunteers are needed to be companions for children in various family situations. A small commitment of time could be richly rewarding.

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BETH TZEDEC ADULT EDUCATION

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On Feb. 10, **Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg** will discuss the laws and customs pertaining to the Jewish Marriage Ceremony.

Feb. 17, **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** will consider Shadchan and Love - Boy and Girl Meet, the Jewish approach to courtship and love.

Feb. 24, Rabbi Friedberg will examine Sex and Sexuality - Permitted and Prohibited.

March 3, **Sociology Prof. Ben Schlesinger** will explore Lasting Marriages - the Jewish Perspective.

For registration and further information, call 781-3511.

LET'S GO ISRAEL 86

Israel Youth Program Centre is now accepting applications for its summer programs.

Youth ages 15-23 interested in experiencing a fun-filled program this summer in Israel, should contact the office at 665-7733.

Register now.

CHILDREN' CONCERT

Centennial Infant and Child Centre (for children with special needs) presents **Sandra Beech** in concert with **Chickery Chick,** for children of all ages, on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. in Lawrence Park Collegiate.

To order tickets call 487-4020. Limited wheelchair seating is available on request.

SHAAR SHALOM — US DAY SCHOOL

Shaar Shalom Congregation of Thornhill has

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THE FIDDLER

Director Sharyn Stein Hurwitz (far left) shows Tevye's daughters how to impress the matchmaker as grade 9 students from Associated Hebrew Schools rehearse for an English and Hebrew adaption of the musical, The Fiddler. From left: Natalie Riback (Tzeitel), Joanna Levitt (Chava), Leora Erez (Hodel). Performances are Feb. 15 and 16 at 3630 Bathurst St. Proceeds will go to the Associated Leslie Building Fund and the United Jewish Appeal.

Organizations and People

What's New

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joined as a sponsoring and supporting synagogue of the United Synagogue Day School. USDS is an inter-congregational Conservative day school sponsored by Adath Israel, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Beth Sholom, Beth Tikvah, Beth Tzedec and Shaarei Haim synagogues.

The school has 800 students and 80 staff members, and is presently celebrating its 25th year as a jointly sponsored inter-congregational institution.

VOLUNTEER CENTRE

Metropolitan Association for the Mentally Retarded requires volunteers for developmentally handicapped children, ages 2-4, at two locations, Bayview-Cummer and Keele-Eglinton. If you are physically able and can give one morning per week to assist with this important program, please call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

And, Dublin Heights Public School at Sheppard and Bathurst, is recruiting volunteers to assist with the Booster Reading program. Work is done on a on-to-one basis with the students. If you can contribute to this worthwhile program one morning each week, please call 481-6194.

BEACH HEBREW INSTITUTE

On Friday, Feb. 14, following the 7.30 p.m. service at the Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave., (just south of Queen St. E.) the focus will be on The Aging Parent in the Jewish Family. An acclaimed 30-minute film, My Mother, My Father, will be screened, and social worker **Elaine Gerzon** will lead a discussion.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service and program.

MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Monday Morning Magic at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., is looking for mothers with infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers to come and listen to a variety of interesting speakers. Babysitting is provided.

For details call 789-3722.

PERSONAL CHANGE LECTURES

Program planner and communications educator, **Myra Merkur,** will facilitate a 6-week series, Personal Change Paths, starting Thursday, Feb. 13, 1.30 - 3.30 p.m.

This course invites you to examine the many ways of creating major personal change to enrich and enhance your life. It explores self-understanding, interpersonal relationships, helping others and future "take charge" planning.

Fee is $40 per person.

For additional information call **Rose,** 633-7483 or **Myra,** 782-5244.

CHASSIDISM TODAY

Prof. Seymour Siegel will speak on Chassidism Today: Lubavitch and Satmar, at Beth Tzedec Congregation's Shabbat Study Luncheon, Saturday, Feb. 15.

Prof. Siegel is professor of theology and ethics at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The luncheon is at 12.15 p.m., following services. Cost is $4.75 for adults, $3.50, children under 12. Admission is by prepaid reservation only; deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 12.

TORAH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Torah Academy High School in Brooklyn, New York, offers an intensive individualized Torah studies program coupled with an accredited general studies department as well as extra-curricular activities.

Parlor meetings to consolidate support for the yeshiva have been hosted at the homes of **Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Kohn** and **Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lebovitz.**

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

Nissim and Niflaot, a musical translated into English from **Leah Goldberg's** Hebrew script, will be presented by Beth Tikvah Shelanu and Kadima youth groups under the direction of **Lindi Papoff,** in the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., Sunday, Feb. 9 at 1.30 p.m. and Monday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m.

This is entertainment for the whole family. Admission is $3 per person. Call **Avra,** 221-8529 or 221-3433.

SUNDAY BALL HOCKEY

A few men, ages 20-40, are wanted to play ball hockey, 6.15 to 8 p.m. Sunday evenings. This is indoors and there is no cost. To inquire further, call **Daniel,** 224-4400, during business hours.

WOMEN AND THE LAW

Lawyer and author **Linda Silver Dranoff,** will comment on her new book, Every Woman's Guide to the Law, when she speaks at a dinner arranged by Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood, 1950 Bathurst St., 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27.

Admission is $10 for sisterhood members, $15, non-sisterhood members, and $5 to hear the speaker only - at 7.30. Reservation deadline is Feb. 20. Call **Phyllis,** 789-3291.

LE THEATRE DU P'TIT BONHEUR

On the boards at Le Theatre du P'tit Bonheur, 57 Adelaide St., from Feb. 11 to March 9, is **Pierre Carlet de Chamblain de Marivaux's** Le Jeu de L'Amour et du Hasard, a mid-18th century French classic.

For performance and ticket information, and reservations, phone 363-6401.

JFCS — SURVIVING SEPARATION

Jewish Family and Child Service, through its Jewish Family Life Education Department is offering a workshop, Surviving Separation Through Separation, Divorce or Widowhood. It will focus on coping with change and looking at meeting new people, special concerns of single parents, and will evolve new ways of dealing with singlehood.

There will be six sessions, starting Monday, Feb. 17, 8-9.30 p.m. at the JFCS office in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 6th floor.

Fee is $30 per person. For additional information and to register, call 638-7800, ext. 290, 292.

STERN TO ADDRESS UNITARIANS

Willowdale Unitarian Fellowship invites you to attend its Sunday morning service, 10.30 a.m., Feb. 16, at Hollywood Public School, 360 Hollywood Ave. At that time, **Reva Stern,** artistic and branch director of the Leah Posluns Theatre, will consider the question, Is Theatre Entertainment or Education?

CONCERT AT BETH DAVID

Violist **Rifka Golan,** violinist **Lorand Fenyves** and pianist **Patricia Parr,** will be featured in concert at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25 in Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

The concert is presented by the Toronto committee for Ezrath Nashim, to raise funds for the purchase of medical equipment for the Jerusalem psychiatric and geriatric facility.

Tickets are $10 each and may be purchased at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, Israel's The Judaica Centre, 973 Eglinton Ave. W. and The Negev Bookstore, 3509 Bathurst St.

For further information phone 665-3250 or 223-3657, day or evening, or 630-4253, evenings.

ART IN THE LIBRARIES

North York Public Libraries will mount a variety of art exhibits at several branches.

Fairview Library, 35 Fairview Mall Drive, features rural prints by **Arthur Kendrick.**

Susan Ellis' photographic skills are on view at Yorkdale Library in Yorkdale Mall.

Raissa Costin, whose main subjects are flowers, shows her work - drawings and paintings in various media, at Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie St.

Printmaker **Constance Johnson,** is represented at Pleasant View Library, 575 Van Horne Ave.

Charles Dowson's hand-colored prints are at Don Mills Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. E. He is currently producing images of different buildings in the Willowdale area, including Dempsey Brothers Hardware and the Gibson House.

Oils and watercolors by **Mary Loriaux, can be seen at Brookbanks Library, 210 Brookbanks Dr.**

For more detailed information, phone 495-3438.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Emunah Women held a successful membership evening at the home of Esther Rothschild (centre). Co-chairwomen for the event were Agnes Deutch (left) and Arlene Weisbart.

NEW EXECUTIVE

Isaac (Jaques) Lallouz, (centre) newly elected president of Beth Torah Congregation, receives the gavel from outgoing president Allen Copnick at an installation dinner dance. North York Controller Howard Moscoe installed Lallouz, a personal friend. Installing officer of Beth Torah's new executive and board of trustees, was Ruth Bass, (right) president of United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region. Also installed were Mollie Rothman, 1st vice-president; Nathan Naymark, 2nd vice-president and secretary; Jack Rothman, treasurer; Morris Turk, parness and Morris Herling, gabbai.

singles

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Come out for an entertaining panel discussion on How to Win Popularity with the Opposite Sex, when **Total Living Mature Singles** meets Sunday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. in Earl Bales Park Community Centre, Sheppard and Bathurst. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served. Admission is $1 for members, $2, non-members.

Floating Singles Congregation Oneg Shabbat is set for 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 14 at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

Na'amat Pioneer Women's Calanit Chapter, (ages 25-37) invites young career women to share an evening, Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7.30, and hear an absorbing talk on Pro-Choice, by **Ruth Miller.** For more information and directions, call 636-5425, days, or 787-1069, evenings and weekends.

JCC Singles 20s and 30s invites you to warm up your winter at an Aerobics Night in the Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., Saturday, Feb. 8, at 8.30 p.m. sharp - with refreshments afterward. Cost is $2 for JCC members, $3, non-members.

JCC Singles 40 Plus, Northern Branch, looks forward to a special event at 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 3. It will be an evening of competition, testing your team's knowledge in many different categories. Refreshments will be served. Cost to JCC members is $1.50, non-members, $2.50.

JCC Singles 40 Plus gathers at 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 10, for an evening of music and entertainment with **Ya'acov Halpert** and **Doron Ophir,** refreshments, dancing and mingling. Cost is $3 for JCC members, $4, non-members. For more information on these JCC Northern Branch Singles get-togethers, call **Elizabeth,** 636-1880.

Beth Tikvah Chai Singles, 3080 Bayview Ave., presents psychologist **Harvey Silver,** who has written books and articles on how to manage one's mind and emotions.

His topic for the evening is Psychological Contracting: In Other Words, Are You Rational or Neurotic in Your Relationships? The meeting takes place in the downstairs social hall, and refreshments will be served. Admission is $3 for members, $5, non-members. Bring your membership card.

On Monday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m., **Metro Toronto Singles** invites you to a Pre-Valentine's Day Party at Rooney's, 2 Rosehill Ave. (two blocks south of Yonge and St. Clair). Handwriting analyst **Ellie George** will match up couples from their signatures. Cover is $6. Munchies will be served.

B'nai B'rith Coed Lodge, ATIDEYNU, (20s and 30s) is having its first ever 50s and 60s dance at 8.30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8 in the B'nai B'rith Centre, 15 Hove St. Admission is $4 for

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An open forum on Programming Today for Single Parent Families, is scheduled by the Family Services Department of the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. (corner of Bloor), at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9. **Louis Birenbaum,** a teacher with the North York Board of Education and a Gestalt therapist, will be the facilitator. This is a free forum and all single parents and their children are encouraged to attend. Babysitting will be available, and refreshments will be served. To inquire further, contact **Harold Cipin,** 924-6211.

Couples Over 40 presents Dreams: Some Unusual Aspects, with psychotherapist **Jerry Steinberg,** 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 at the N/E Valley.

Steinberg will examine such aspects as children's dreams and nightmares, how to control your dreams, illicit dreams and dream interpretation. Cost, including refreshments, is $5 per per couple. RSVP to **Shirley Suchall,** 881-8952. For more details call **Rose Shapiro,** 889-0813.

The N/E Jewish Single/Single Parent Group is sponsoring a Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St., beginning at 8 p.m. Refreshments, deejay and a cash bar are being offered. Cost is $4 for members, $6, non-members. For more information, call **Sally** or **Jodi** at 889-0813.

Dance classes for teen and adult beginners and refreshers are offered at the Koffler Centre School of Dance, 4588 Bathurst St. Join a new class beginning in Feb. or try out for an existing Class in Ballet, Jazz, Modern, Tap and Folk Dancing.

Intermediate and advanced dancers are also being accepted where suitable placement is possible. Register with the Dance office at the JCC Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., or call 636-1880.

Koffler Gallery Visual Art Studios are organizing a children's (ages 6-11) mixed media art class. Students will work in such areas as batik, sculpture, painting, collage, printmaking and more. There will be 12 weekly sessions, Sundays, 9.30-11.15 a.m. and, 11.30 a.m.-1.15 p.m. For additional details, call 636-1880, ext. 279.

Anima(l) at the Koffler Gallery, is an exhibition of work by three women artists, **Janet Jones, Landon Mackenzie** and **Cynthia Short,** which runs through March 12. Curated by **Jennifer Karch-Verze, the show examines the use of the animal image in their work. The gallery will host an evening of discussion by the artists on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7.30 p.m. A free film series on Women Artists wil be screened Thursdays at 12.30 p.m. To call the Koffler Gallery, dial 636-2145.**

Organizations and People

What's New

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members, $6, non-members. Everyone is welcome.

The next general meeting takes place Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 15 Hove St. It will start promptly at 7.30 p.m. and latecomers may not be admitted. To inquire further call **Steve,** 489-2692.

for seniors

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At the **Wagman Centre,** 55 Ameer Ave., an in-depth study on Ashkenazim and Sephardim: Differences and Similarities, to be conducted by **Rabbi Abraham Edery,** starts 3-4 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 5, and continues each Wednesday through to Feb. 26, in the Waltman Fireside Lounge. For more information call 789-5131, ext. 2269.

Everyone is welcome on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7.30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre Rooms A & B, to hear **Murray Sherr,** of Sherr and Bergstein Annuity Insurance Agency, explain RRSP and Annuities.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club's ongoing programs continue at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., through the winter months and are well attended. Monday mornings from 10.30-11.30 there is folkdancing, Monday, 1-3 p.m., the Drama and Choir Group convenes under the direction of **Nat Garnick;** Wednesdays, 1-3, join in Oil Painting; Thursdays, 10.30-11.30 a.m., are for Dancercize Classes with music. The exciting trip planned for May 13-25 to Western Canada and Expo 86 is selling out quickly. For more details call **Murray,** 964-3911.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50, 1950 Bathurst St., meets Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 1.30 to see a presentation by the Atelier Theatre Society entitled, Dance:Narration and Music, The Story of Ruth and Boaz, by **Jeannette** and **Marshall Pynkoski.** Everyone is welcome, and refreshments and coffee will be served. Cost to non-members of the club is $1.50 per person.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Herman Wouk's book, Inside, Outside will be reviewed by **Nita Chusid,** at a literary luncheon for members only, Monday, Feb. 10, 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Music Room. Cost is $4. For further information call **Doris Lipson,** 787-5773.

Also on Feb. 10, 1.30-3 p.m., a video, All That Bach, will be shown in the synagogue. This is free for members, $1, non-members. To inquire, phone **Lillian Disenhouse,** 498-8221.

A Valentine Day Luncheon for members only, takes place Wednesday, Feb. 12 at noon, with entertainment by **Helene Rudolph** and **Amy Gilbert.** Fee is $4.50.

On Thursday, Feb. 6 at 1.30 p.m. in the synagogue, **Dr. Joel Sadavoy,** head of Psychiatry at Baycrest Centre, will speak on Depression - How to Prevent It - How to Deal With It.

Sundays at the Centre continues on Feb. 9, with a concert at 2 p.m. Mideast Festival Dancers will perform traditional Israeli dances. The centre is open every Sunday from 11 a.m. and you are welcome to drop in for coffee, a light snack and to meet friends. At 12.30 there is a bingo game, and on alternate Sundays, at 2 p.m., a special program.

Hear **Dr. Victor Goldbloom,** president of The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, when he talks about Fighting Anti-Semitism, Thursday, Feb. 13, 1.30 - 3 p.m. This is open to everyone and there is no charge.

About People

GERSTEIN NEW CHAIRMAN

Marvin Gerstein has been elected chairman of George Brown College's board of directors.

Gerstein, 59, is vice-chairman of the board of directors of Peoples Jewellers Ltd.

He first became connected with the downtown community college 10 years ago as an industry advisor for George Brown's Jewelry Arts program. Since then he has served as a member and vice-chairman of the board.

He will now chair monthly meetings of the board — the group responsible for all operations of the 5-campus college.

Gerstein is also president of the George Brown College Foundation — a private charitable group which raises money for educational projects related to the college.

Born in Toronto, Gerstein was educated at Upper Canada College. He has served as president of several jewelers' associations, and is currently chairman of the Frank Gerstein Charitable Foundation and a member of the board of directors of Mount Sinai Hospital.

HEBREW SCHOOLS EXECUTIVE

At a general meeting held to vote in the new executive for the Federation of Teachers in Hebrew Schools, the following members were elected: president, **Freda Steinberg;** 1st vice-president, **Rabbi Baruch Kempinski;** 2nd vice-president, **Ephraim Bagola;** recording secretary, **Ilana Ovadya;** corresponding secretary, **Jack Lipinsky;** treasurer, **Edward Yuditsky.** Immedaite past president is **Samuel Kapustin.**

RITUAL SERVICE

More than 100 members of Windsor's Jewish community attended a genizah burial service for sacred books and articles at Shaar Hashomayim Cemetery in accordance with Jewish law which states such items cannot be discarded but must be buried in holy ground. The service, sponsored by the Windsor Jewish Community Centre and the city's religious organizations, was conducted by Rabbi Howard Folb of Congregation Beth El, Rabbi Edward Feigelman and Rabbi Emeritus Samuel Stollman of Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

ANNE M. GORDON
(Calgary)

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Organizations and People

Organization helps the handicapped

Canadian Friends of AKIM honor the Eisens

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

At a recent AKIM fund raising event, flowers of appreciation are presented to Canadian Friends of AKIM's co-chairman Olga Eisen (on left) and Roma Buchman (right) by Annette Buchman.

TORONTO —

When Jehan Sadat, the wife of the late president of Egypt, visited Israel in 1979, one of the places she chose to visit was an AKIM kindergarten — one of the organization's many projects for the rehabilitation of mentally handicapped young people in Israel.

Accompanied by the late Aliza Begin, wife of Menachem Begin who was Prime Minister of Israel, the two women demonstrated a universal and non-political commitment to help rehabilitate developmentally handicapped children and their families.

AKIM (the Hebrew letters for the rehabilitation association), supports many projects throughout Israel — nurseries, day-care centres, sheltered workshops, hostels for young adults, group homes, social clubs and camps.

These projects are supported through voluntary contributions from groups around the world, says Olga Eisen, the founding president of the Canadian Friends of AKIM. The funds raised help handicapped children and adults to become useful members of society.

"Their opportunities may be limited," says Eisen, who has been active in AKIM for 23 years, "but we have an obligation to give them this opportunity. And just as important, we free their families of the burden of day-to-day care."

At a recent reception at the home of Roma and Jack Buchman, the Canadian Friends of AKIM honored Olga and Alex Eisen, the donors of a group home for retarded children that will be built in Rehovot.

Roma Buchman, who is a co-chairman with Olga Eisen of the Canadian Friends, said that AKIM is dedicated to the proposition that "those whom nature has so cruelly punished must not spend their lives in total misery, in soul-destroying idleness, rejected by society, a burden to their close ones and to the community at large."

Although Israel is burdened with heavy military needs which severely reduce the money needed for social services, says Olga Eisen, it must cope with the 3% of the population, the same as in the U.S. and other developed countries, that are mentally retarded and need rehabilitation services.

She explained that along with the growing network of AKIM's facilities, both educational and recreational, the Tel Aviv based organization helps mobilize public opinion and urges the authorities to address the problems and accept the responsibility for the mentally retarded.

"Through social work and research projects, we are creating new projects which will reduce the burden on family members and benefit the retarded."

She adds that one of the priorities at AKIM is to help provide a suitable atmosphere where parents can give voice to their problems and emotions at group meetings in various communities throughout Israel.

Recently introduced by AKIM is a Guardianship project. Volunteers are appointed by court order to act as guardians for the mentally retarded who have no family and no one else to assume responsibility for their well being.

Conferences are organized for brothers and sisters of retarded siblings to discuss sibling responsibility in the event that parents can no longer carry the burden.

And AKIM and the drama circle of Tel Aviv University initiated groups for theatre, improvisations, and acting out real life situations. These have produced remarkable headway in enabling children and adults who find verbal communication awkward.

"They express themselves through visual, non-verbal means," says Buchman, "and this has been a great help to those who have difficulty communicating."

Another vital factor in the physical and mental well-being of the retarded, she adds, is sports. Therefore, along with a National Sports Day organized by AKIM, the Friends of AKIM around the world enable Israeli children to attend Special Olympics for Retarded.

In 1983, the Special Olympics were held in Louisiana. Eight Israeli men and women were chosen to represent their country. They brought back several medals and awards.

"Unfortunately, says Olga Eisen, some of the programs we initiated had to be curtailed due to a lack of funds. Through an agreement with the Israeli ministry of health, one such project, an early intervention program — counseling for children and parents during the period of diagnosis through the activities of a multi-disciplinary team, has been reestablished.

The Olga and Alex Eisen Group Home will accommodate 10 or 12 young adults whose parents cannot look after them. The City of Rehovot donated the land for the new project.

About four years ago, a second chapter of AKIM was started by Charlotte Baker and Molly Shapiro to honor the memory of their father, the late D. Lou Harris who was one of the people instrumental in establishing AKIM in Canada as a charitable foundation, along with Lou Fenkel and Nat Starr.

To raise funds, AKIM has all occasion cards, $10 and up, and certificates for all occasions at $25. All donations are tax deductible. For more information on membership or AKIM projects, write to AKIM, 106 Roberta Dr., Toronto, M6A 2J7, or call (416) 223-4943.

Toronto optometrists bring gifts to Hadassah

JERUSALEM —

A delegation from the Optometric Institute of Toronto, led by Dr. Mel Katzman, Dr. Peter Martinello and Dr. Sandra Woods, recently visited the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre here as part of a continuing education Clinical Study Mission.

Among gifts brought by the guests were 50 bifocal contact lenses, a portable diagnostic kit, including a retinoscope, an ophthalmoscope and a portable lensometer for determining the prescription for a patient's glasses.

The guests were welcomed by Prof. Juan Zauberman, head of Hadassah's Ophathalmology Department, Dr. Gene Stollman, Dr. Arthur Levinson and Lionel Rose, heads of the Optometry and Contact Lens Sections within the Department of Ophthalmology.

Thanking the guests, Stollman said there are many people in Israel who are interested in wearing contact lenses, who, until now have been unable to do so, due to the difference in their visual needs for far vision and for reading.

"This gift of a set of trial bifocal lenses will enable us to expand the services of our contact lens section," he said.

"Once the fitting has been made, the lenses can be obtained in Canada."

Stollman continued: "The other pieces of equipment brought as gifts to us will enable us to enlarge our outreach eye care services into the community. We shall be able to visit schools and kibbutzim and to provide preventive eye care services."

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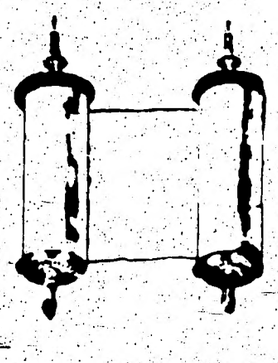

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Mishpatim

You can't love others until you love yourself.

A Jew has to have faith in G-d, and have love of others. Without faith, how can we smile, how can we share?

Feelings . . . the saintly Chafetz Chaim tried to support himself for a while by operating a grocery store. As is customary, many poor people bought on credit.

Chafetz Chaim avoided walking down the street where the people who owed him money lived, lest they see him and interpret his presence as a subtle reminder to pay him back. . . .

* * *

We must love everyone . . . but we have a special mitzvah to cherish every fellow Jew. Don't we have enough enemies without hating each other?

Commands the Torah: "Don't put your hand with the wicked, to be an unrighteous witness!"

What type of wicked witness is this?

But every Jew has a bad witness working against him — a witness who sees everything, hears everything, records everything, annnounces everything. Who? Satan himself!

Every Jew has his own policeman watching him. No sin goes forgotten. People don't see, but the Satan sees — and files it all in his computer.

Moshe did so and so . . . Debra did such and such . . . And then, his bag full of gossip and bad tidings, he rushes up to Heaven to bear witness — "such and such happened!"

The Judge above listens patiently, but then shakes His head. There is a rule in the Torah — one witness doesn't count! All the complaints and all the transgressions cannot be accepted as true. G-d looks down benignly on us, and blesses us. . . .

But . . . if the Satan is not alone criticizing and finding fault. If one Jew criticizes and finds fault with another? If he points out another Jew's sins?

Satan is not alone then: He is not a solitary witness! The Heavenly Court opens its ears (G-d forbid) and pays attention.

Does G-d want this? Does He get pleasure to hear his children brought to justice? Can He love a Jew who finds faults with another Jew?

Silence. Love. Forgiveness. Caring. Patience. Humility. . . . That's all a Jew must know. . . .

* * *

We have to burn with faith, with emunah.

The Baal Shem of Michaelstadt was renown as a young genius. The duke of the area heard of his brilliance, and invited him to visit his castle. The duke told all his servants to hide themselves, and he himself hid — wondering if the youngster would find him.

The youngster stood outside the building, and saw that every window was open, except for one where the curtain was drawn — so he correctly surmised that was where the duke was hiding.

"I hid my servants because they would give you confusing instructions how to find me," the duke explained. "That's no problem," responded the young boy, "I would have followed the majority advice — as our Torah commands, acahrei rabim lihatot — follow the majority. . . ."

"But we Christians are in majority," said the duke. "Why don't you follow us?"

The young boy thought. "That is only where there is a doubt, something to be decided. But once we know something for sure, then all the majorities in the world cannot change the truth. We know our Torah is true. . . ."

May faith and love burn brightly as ABC — Good Shabbes.

New body formed

Shear will head UJA committee

TORONTO —

Gerald Shear has been appointed to a 1-year term as chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto's Past Chairman's Committee which is made up of 35 past chairmen who will deal with long-term priorities as an active policy- and decision-making body.

Formed last September, the committee has placed its machinery in motion with the naming of Shear and the appointment of members to a selection committee for future UJA chairmen, and to a subcommittee on UJA long-range planning and marketing.

Dr. Gerald Halbert, Harry Gorman, Allan Offman, Wilfred Posluns, Lionel Schipper and Shear were named to the selection committee. Allan Offman will chair the subcommittee on planning and marketing.

UJA campaign director Adam Kahan, now entering his second year with the Toronto campaign, originated the Past Chairman's committee concept. Having honed his administrative skills with Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem and the Joint Israel Appeal campaigns of South Africa and the United Kingdom, Kahan spotted a soft spot in Toronto's UJA mechanism.

It was necessary, Kahan said, to have "a body with teeth — a standing body to formulate UJA's future concerns and augment a response."

Gerald Shear

He saw the need for a group of "involved, knowledgeable individuals whose imprint would set the future course of campaign for at least the next decade. Definitely not a figurehead committee."

The members of the Past Chairman's Committee are, alphabetically: Stephen Berger, Joe Berman, Albert Cole, Eddie Creed, Dr. Arnold Epstein, Alex Fisher, Gerald Goldenberg, Harry Gorman, Phil Granovsky, Al Green, Jack Gwartz, Dr. Gerald Halbert, Dr. Ralph Halbert, Anne Handelman, Morris Kaufman, Jimmy Kay, Murray Koffler, Julia Koschitzky, Mark Levy, Allan Offman, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Abe Posluns, Wilfred Posluns, Mr. Justice Alvin Rosenberg, Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg, Samuel Sable, Lionel Schipper, Isadore Sharp, Gerald Shear, Nathan Silver, Leon Weinstein, Ray Wolfe, Noel Zeldin, and Samuel Zeldin.

According to Kahan, the priorities with which the committee will deal are the operational connection beyond UJA's daily and yearly activities. Among those he includes:

- The responsibility for the search process and final selection of future campaign chairmen;
- The long-term financial planning and goal-setting of campaigns;
- An assessment of expenditures with particular reference to the overseas allocation of UJA dollars;
- Responsibility for initiating and overseeing UJA special projects, especially in the major missions category;
- A major review of UJA's centrality in the Jewish community as it relates to the plethora of other local and overseas-based campaigns.

Steven Ain, executive director of the Toronto Jewish Congress, has extended greetings to the committee, stating that TJC "welcomes and encourages the important guiding role which the past chairmen have agreed to undertake within the UJA spectrum."

Ain also said that since the members of the Past Chairman's Committee are also board members of the United Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto — the legal corporate entity of UJA — it will be possible to use the corporate vehicle of Metro UJA to conduct official business of the committee and to lend legal authority to its venue.

BB lodge celebrates birthday helping others

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Upper Canada Lodge of B'nai B'rith kicked off its 40th anniversary celebrations by recalling its commitment to human rights and by presenting a series of three charitable donations.

Tony Ruprecht, provincial minister without portfolio responsible for multiculturalism, recently presented a general meeting of the lodge with a copy of a resolution calling for amnesty for prisoners of conscience and for Soviet compliance with the human rights and freedom provisions of the Helsinki Accords.

B'nai B'rith was one of hundreds of groups which signed the resolution at a May, 1985 ceremony at the provincial legislature, Ben Sand, program chairman for the lodge, told The CJN.

Approximately 125 people at the Upper Canada Lodge building at 4266 Bathurst St. heard Ruprecht describe his views on making government more responsive and meaningful, Sand said.

Also on the agenda were presentations of $7,000 to three organizations.

Medical equipment

Upper Canada Lodge presented $3,000 for medical equipment to Sunnybrook Hospital's Dr. F. G. Saibil and another $3,000 to Rabbi David Aronson, executive director of Yeshiva Bhei Akiva Or Chaim, for student tuition at the school.

Another $1,000 was presented to Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem associate director, Jack Manischevitz.

Sand told The CJN the lodge has decided to make three further monetary presentations at its next monthly meeting in February, with $18,000 slated to go to the Wellesley Hospital for a laser surgical machine.

Toronto Western Hospital will receive $3,586 for special equipment to be used for research into AIDS, and the North York Harvest Food Bank will be given $5,000 to distribute food in North York.

Sand said the lodge is gearing up for its 40th anniversary celebration, which falls on May 4. One of the highlights of the anniversary will be the gathering of all past lodge presidents, including the first — Judge Phil Givens.

Getting name right

The correct name of the choir president at Toronto's Beth Tikvah Synagogue is Jerry Kalpin rather than Jerry Kaplin as indicated in our last issue.

Television series hosted by rabbi

TORONTO —

Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg of Beth Torah Congregation has begun hosting a weekly half-hour public affairs program called Face To Face every Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. on Rogers Cable-TV Channel 10.

The program, to be rebroadcast on Fridays at 2 p.m. will include such guests as: Paul Godfrey, publisher of the Toronto Sun; Fraser Kelly, news broadcaster; Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews; Iona Campagnola, national president of the Liberal Party; Bob Rae, leader of the Ontario NDP; Sally Barnes; Yosef Olmert, a visiting Israeli professor at York University; and Michael McAteer of the Toronto Star.

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Organizations and People

Claims Ukrainians' approach has backfired

CJC's Prutschi explains strategy on Deschenes

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The low-key strategy adopted by Canadian Jewish Congress during the Deschenes Commission investigation into Nazi war criminals has proven more effective than the higher-profile approach taken by Ukrainian-Canadian groups, Congress was told last week.

Speaking at the monthly meeting of the executive and regional council of CJC, Manuel Prutschi said Congress' (and B'nai B'rith's) position of keeping informal avenues of communication open to political parties and interested groups has made politicians aware of the position and concerns of the Jewish community.

The strategy of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee, the umbrella organization of the Ukrainian community which like CJC and BB has standing before the Commission, has linked Ukrainians with war crimes in the public's mind, he said. CJC was interested in bringing specific individuals to justice, not in linking a community to war crimes.

Prutschi, national director of community relations with CJC, told the meeting his view was that parliamentarians and members of the Commission may be concerned about the public campaign of the Ukrainian groups, which casts doubts on the probity of the Commission.

He suggested parliamentarians and members of the Commission may be concerned with the "impropriety" of appearing to influence an independent commission of inquiry.

Prutschi said it is unfortunate for the Ukrainian community "that the tack they have taken has been an inappropriate one," adding "it has redounded to their detriment."

Turning to the gathering of evidence in the Soviet Union and elsewhere, Prutschi contrasted the positions of CJC and that of the Ukrainian Congress. The latter opposes the trip by the Commission to investigate allegations against 15 suspects, saying it would be "tainted Soviet evidence" that would be skewered to serve Soviet political interests.

Congress' position (and that of BB) is that it's not "Soviet evidence" but "Canadian evidence" since it would be based on Canadian evidentiary standards. CJC has proposed safeguards to ensure the evidence be reliable, he added.

Had the Commission decided not to go it would have closed the door on pursuing war crimes suspects.

Prutschi noted the work of the Commission had focused public attention on Canada's "shameful record on war criminals," pointing to a 1948 British directive that suggested at that early date that investigation and prosecution of war criminals come to an end.

Prutschi concluded by forecasting that political pressures may have to be added to moral pressures to influence the government "when the time comes."

In other business, Gella Rothstein described the "sense of excitement" among those preparing for the 4-day Plenary Assembly, scheduled for May 7-11 in Toronto. The planned programs will address issues of concern to CJC in a "stimulating and provocative manner," she said.

Funding for the plenary appears adequate, she said, noting Congress received $35,000 in government grants.

Les Scheininger, CJC Ontario Regional chairman, told the meeting more time has been allocated to deliberating on resolutions than in the past. He advised those interested in submitting resolutions do so as soon as possible, though resolutions can be proposed during the assembly.

The CJC regional council voted for a list of delegates to serve on a number of committees, including the steering, credentials, nominations, resolutions and election committees.

Yitz Feldman presented a report from the Orthodox Division, kashruth council, noting the "problems we face because of modern technology" when dealing with large manufacturing plants.

"We hired Rabbi Mordechai Levin to assist Rabbi Nachman Shemen and Rabbi Moshe Silver to assist in looking after companies in the city and elsewhere, including many scientific problems in giving supervision," his report stated.

Feldman noted "the list of mashgichim reaches over 50 part-time and full time mashgichim." During the last several months, the kashruth council has been involved in supervising approximately 12 manufacturing food processing plants, he stated.

In response to questions, Feldman said the kashruth council has tried to use persuasion to keep the price of kosher meat down, but he said nothing short of a boycott would seem to work.

He told the meeting the kashruth council was involved in three court cases against it.

In other business, Fredelle Brief told the meeting various CJC committees are preparing position papers for Congress' political liason committees, outlining CJC views on matters of concern to the Jewish community.

Among the topics being discussed, at the provincial level, are funding for Jewish schools/response to the Shapiro Commission, religion in the public schools and gets (Jewish divorces). Issues at the federal level are the Deschenes Commission, terrorism, Soviet Jewry and Israel.

Phil Unger called on Jews in areas outside major Jewish population centres to work with the liasion committees to broaden their base to provide more clout when dealing with politicians.

To prevent recurrence

Allergist urges carrying problem medicine list

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

If you're allergic to any kind of medication, write down the name and keep it with you at all times, advises a McMaster University Medical Health Centre allergist.

"I can't tell you," Dr. Jerry Dolovich told a group of residents of Shalom Village here, "how many times I've heard of people who had a reaction to a medication but didn't know what it was and then had it again."

If you've had a reaction to a medication once, you cannot take it again, he said, and so it is important to find out what it is and always have the name with you.

And for those who are allergic to penicillin, there's a warning that "there are at least 12 medications that are cousins" but on the other hand, he added, "there are many others available that are just as effective."

While the problem of compatibility of certain medications with one another or with foods is becoming more complicated, it is also becoming easier to avoid problems "because more and more pharmacies now have computer systems" to provide information, he said.

But generally allergies are not such a problem for older people and affect mostly children, Dolovich told the residents, who are mostly in their 70s and 80s.

People must question

Peanuts, for instance, can cause swelling and such severe problems, particularly in children, that "a youngster who is allergic to nuts cannot have even a little bit.

"Unless you have personal experience, you don't realize how serious it can be," he said, citing the example of a youngster taking just one bite of a chocolate chip cookie containing peanut butter and then having to spend the entire night in the hospital emergency room.

"People who have the problem don't just ask, they cross-examine," he said of those who inquire in detail about the ingredients of a prepared food or dish in a restaurant. "They learn techniques to protect themselves."

Like many Mediterranean people, a high percentage of Jewish adults cannot drink milk because it causes gas, diarrhea and cramps. The cause is milk sugar, he said, and avoiding milk will make them feel better.

So far, very little is known about foods but we are learning all the time, said Dolovich, adding that in the case of food problems "the only treatment is avoidance."

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Organizations and People

Lead in managerial, professional jobs

Jews lead in highest average household income

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Jews in Ontario account for only 1.5% of the total population, yet have the highest average household incomes and the highest numbers in managerial or professional jobs among all the province's ethnic groups.

That's according to a report on Ontario's ethno-cultural population prepared for the province's ministry of citizenship and culture. The figures are drawn from Canada's 1981 census and based on data received from 8.5 million people in Ontario.

The report cautions that many of its conclusions may not be accurate, as the 1981 census was the first to accept more than one ethnic origin for each person and the label "Jewish" designated ethnic origin as well as religion. Only 9% of the census respondents declared multiple origins.

"The responses to the census questions reflect the respondents' perception of their ethno-cultural background and thus are subject to rather wide interpretation," the report states.

The report says 53% of Ontarians declared their ethnic origin as British (making Anglo-Saxons the majority still) but 40% of the population claimed neither British nor French origins, making Ontario "clearly multicultural." There are 24 ethnic groups represented, with many of them breaking down further into subgroupings.

The number of people in Ontario in 1981 who listed Jewish as their religion was 148,250. But the number of people who listed Jewish as their ethnic background was 131,320, or about 1.5% of Ontario's population of 8.5 million. The census listed 165 Israelis living in the province.

The survey's results are based on ethno-cultural affinity, not on religion.

Eighty-three percent of the province's Jews lived in or very near the Toronto metropolitan area. By contrast, Toronto accounts for 35% of Ontario's population.

The next highest urban concentration of Jews was in Ottawa, followed by Windsor, Hamilton, London, Kitchener-Waterloo, Oshawa and St. Catharines, with Thunder Bay and Sudbury registering very small Jewish communities.

Ontario's Jews had an average annual household income of $38,870, making them the top wage earners, compared with the next highest group, Filipinos, at $29,414 a year. The province's largest ethnic group— the British— earned an average $25,427 per household yearly.

As far as occupational status goes, 20% of Jewish respondents were in managerial and administrative jobs (the highest proportion of all groups in this category); 28% in technical and professional jobs (the second highest— 29% of Filipinos were in this category); 18.8% in clerical and related positions; 18.7% in sales; 4.3% in service jobs (the lowest proportion of all groups in this category); 0.4 in farming or other primary work; 7.5% in processing and related work (by far the least amount of any ethnic group in this job category) and 1.5% in construction.

Lumped into neater categories, 48% of Ontario Jews were in the managerial and professional class (the most of all groups); 41.8% in clerical/sales/service (about in the middle) and 9% in manufacturing and construction (the least of all groups. The second lowest were 21.8% of Chinese).

The report's other findings include the following:

☐ Almost 35% of Jews in Ontario were not born in Canada. Of these, 24% immigrated before 1946 and 27% between 1971 and 1981.

☐ Eighteen percent of the Jewish community is less than 15 years old, a ratio that's about average. And while the proportion of Jews aged 65 and over is high, it is not the highest. Among Jews, 14.9% are over 65, compared with the highest ratio, 23% for people of Baltic extraction, and 17% of Finns. Among those of British descendants, 11% are over 65. Those between 30 and 44 comprise the largest age group of the Jewish population - 22%.

☐ Jews in Ontario are well-educated. They have the second highest level of post-secondary or university education (55% have had some) and 25% have completed high school. Filipinos are the most educated, with 73.6% having completed post-secondary or university educations. A comparable figure is 36% for those of British extraction.

☐ Almost 64% of Jews are married and 3.2% are divorced. Of all Jewish families, 6.6% are headed by a single parent. Of 2-parent Jewish families, 45% have no children living at home.

☐ In the City of Toronto, Jews tend to be clustered in the south-central area of the city, whereas in the metropolitan area, the Jewish population is concentrated in the south- and north-central regions of Metro.

Ontario PCs establish multiculturalism body

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario is establishing an advisory council on multiculturalism to gain input from various ethnic groups on policy matters.

Opposition Leader Larry Grossman announced the council's formation at a recent media reception at Queen's Park, stating it will meet with groups representing all ethnic communities in Toronto and across Ontario on an ongoing basis. He added that the party will hold a multicultural conference in the future.

"We will emerge with an even more sensitive, thoughtful and clearer policy on multiculturalism, a policy which will be built from the grass roots up, and a policy which each individual group will have a hand in shaping," Grossman told members of the ethnic media.

The advisory council will be chaired by Nick Leluk, MPP for York West and Opposition spokesman covering the ministry of citizenship and culture.

While stating that his party can "take a great deal of pride" in its multiculturalism record while in government — a record which includes the creation of a cabinet committee on race relations, the first Ontario Human Rights Code and a wide range of cultural programs — Grossman said they cannot dwell in the past. Instead, he stressed the importance of ensuring that the party's policies change with the times.

On the government's side, Lily Munro, minister of citizenship and culture, recently outlined the Liberal Party's expanded efforts in the field of multiculturalism to the standing committee on general government.

"While rightly proud of our brilliant cultural tapestry woven from many different threads, we Ontarians realize that multiculturalism is still evolving," the minister said. "As Ontario's lead minister for multiculturalism, I am working to promote the advancement of qualified candidates from diverse backgrounds in the major institutions in our society."

As part of the ministry's "mandate to open doors" for immigrants, Munro said the ministry has expanded its Welcome House network — which helps newly arrived immigrants to Ontario — to include a storefront office in Hamilton. She said clients there will receive the same support and services available from the Toronto and Mississauga facilities.

Munro said that the ministry is introducing a $500,000 incentive grant program to encourage community groups to undertake English-in-the-workplace programs.

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Further legislation has been introduced to reform rent review for all private rental housing, including those units occupied after January 1, 1976. This legislation is presently being considered by the Ontario Legislature.

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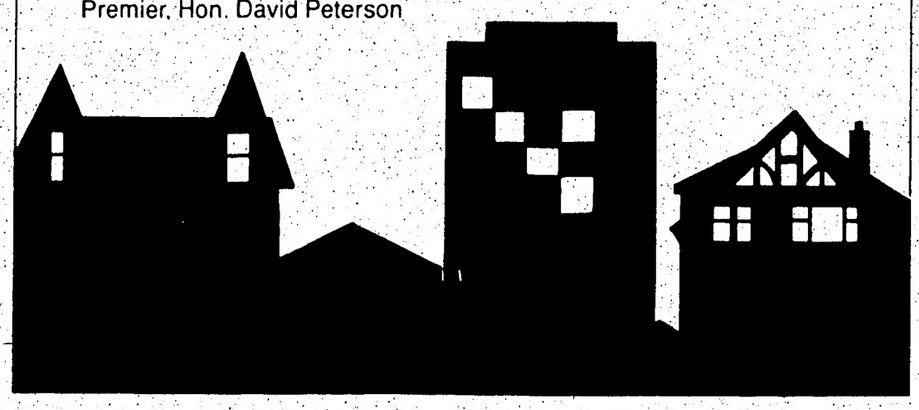


Business Outlook

Boost from budget proposals

Self-directed RRSPs showing rapid growth

By
PAUL LUNGEN

With 22% of all Canadian adults holding an RRSP, it's no wonder more and more financial plans are emerging designed to attract the business of this large, and growing, group of investors.

Taxpayers have until March 1 to make an RRSP contribution for the 1985 tax year, and one of the approaches being touted these days centres on self-directed RRSPs.

Susan Vecchio, manager of marketing at McLeod Young Weir, says self-directed RRSPs are experiencing "a very rapid rate of growth" thanks to budget proposals to increase contribution limits.

"We now have plans with several hundred thousand dollars," in them, she says, adding "at about the $15,000 level they become an important asset, and people want to choose the type of vehicle they're going into."

With a self-directed retirement plan, taxpayers are able to direct which assets the plan will purchase or sell, whether common or preferred shares, strip bonds, treasury bills, guaranteed investment certificates, or the increasingly popular mutual funds.

"We're seeing more combination funds" in which investors combine mutual funds, with their potential for capital growth, and government of Canada strip bonds, a more conservative and safe investment, Vecchio notes.

The type of investment available varies with the goals of each taxpayer, Vecchio is quick to add.

In her experience, she's noticed that younger investors are "more aggressive," buying vehicles with common stocks and trading more often, while older persons are "looking at looming retirement and want a more secure investment" with a more assured return.

With self-directed RRSPs, the potential for future growth expands, Vecchio says, adding there are, of course, no guarantees when dealing with the sometimes volatile world of stocks.

But even a 2-4% difference in annual yield — the difference between what a pooled (regular) RRSP investment earns and what a self-directed retirement plan might earn — can amount to huge sums because of the tax-free compounding factor of RRSPs, she says.

For many people, a few percentage points per year doesn't sound like something worth altering your RRSP for, but over the course of 30 years, the difference could amount to sums in the hundreds of thousands, she says.

Another approach devised as a result of federal budget proposals takes advantage of interest deductibility and tax-free capital gains rules to assist in making RRSP contributions.

David Lakin, president of J. David Lakin Insurance Agencies and Woody Weinberg, of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, have combined forces to promote a plan especially suitable for people who are short in cash, but long on assets and who want to make an RRSP contribution.

Because federal tax law allows interest on investment loans to be deductible, an investor "could borrow, deduct the interest costs and invest for tax-free capital gains outside their RRSP," Lakin states.

On sale of the securities, the loan could be repaid and the net proceeds put into an RRSP — thereby using a tax-deductible loan and tax-free capital gains for a retirement plan contribution.

One example of the plan, Lakin states, could see an investor borrowing for stock or mutual fund investments. Later, the capital properties could be sold (tax-free) and the capital gains used for an RRSP.

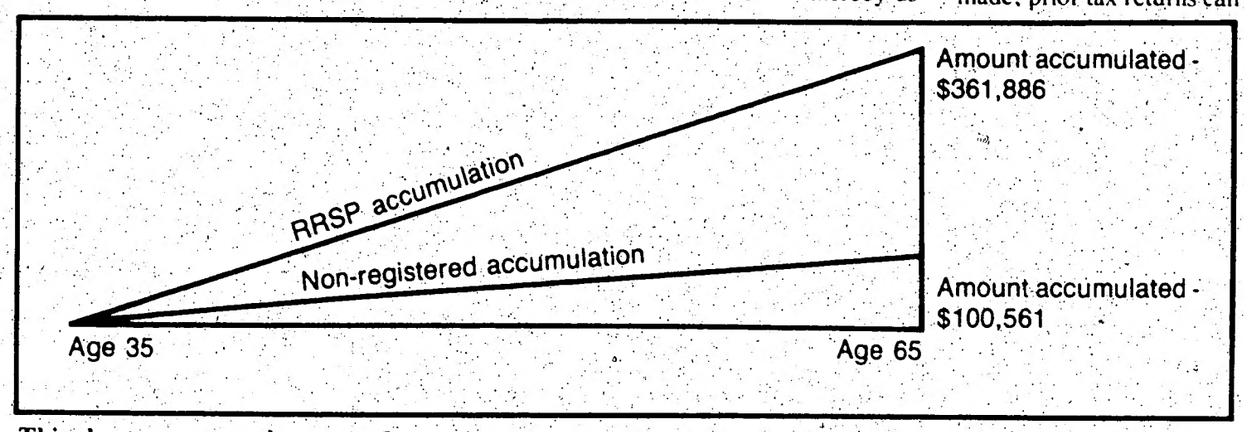
With the 7-year carry-forward provision, which allows retrospective RRSP contributions for past years in which the maximum contributions were not made, prior tax returns can be amended to reduce the tax burden of those years, Weinberg says.

Lakin predicts that approach is bound to become more popular in the future. Weinberg adds a proviso: "It's for people who have equity in their home or who can go to the bank for a demand loan. You have to be able to afford the interest payments."

Lakin notes there is also no guarantee that the money, if invested in a mutual fund, will earn the same high returns of previous years — "the market could go down." And the carry-forward provisions only take effect in 1986.

Lakin, who deals with pension plans and group life and health plans, and Weinberg, who deals with life insurance products and financial planning, say they have combined forces to offer clients a "joint venture" approach.

For more information, contact Lakin at 923-6630, Weinberg at 960-9200 or Vecchio at 863-7699.



This chart compares the return for someone in a 40% bracket investing $2,000 in an RRSP at 10% versus someone putting the same amount in other investments.

Average in the 10% range

Declines disappear as housing prices move up

Communities throughout Ontario report a continuation of the trend of increasing selling prices for residential resale housing.

According to the Royal LePage Survey of Canadian House Prices, no areas have reported declines in housing values in the past 12 months.

Although a few areas report values that have risen 20% or more for certain categories of housing, more typical increases are in the 10% range.

values have been more moderate than in western Ontario, says Moser.

Moser and Patterson made their comments with the release of the January issue of the Royal LePage Survey. The quarterly, cross-Canada study tracks the estimated selling price of six categories of housing.

The Hamilton/Burlington region has enjoyed an active market and healthy increases in selling price, particularly for condominium units.

The standard townhouse described in the survey has risen close to 17% in both the Hamilton Mountain area and in Burlington.

Increases in detached homes have been slightly more moderate, with detached bungalows in Hamilton mountain up 12% to $125,000 in the past year and 8% higher in Burlington at $138,000.

London, Cambridge, and Sarnia report increases in housing values in the 10% range, while Windsor and St. Catharines have seen prices rise 20% or more for most categories of housing.

North York site

A new home for TREB

Construction is now underway for the new headquarters of the Toronto Real Estate Board in North York.

The site is located at 1400 Don Mills. When completed late this year, the new 68,000 square feet complex will house administrative offices, lecture hall and print shop facilities, with parking for over 200 cars.

The building was designed by L. E. Glazer Architect Ltd.

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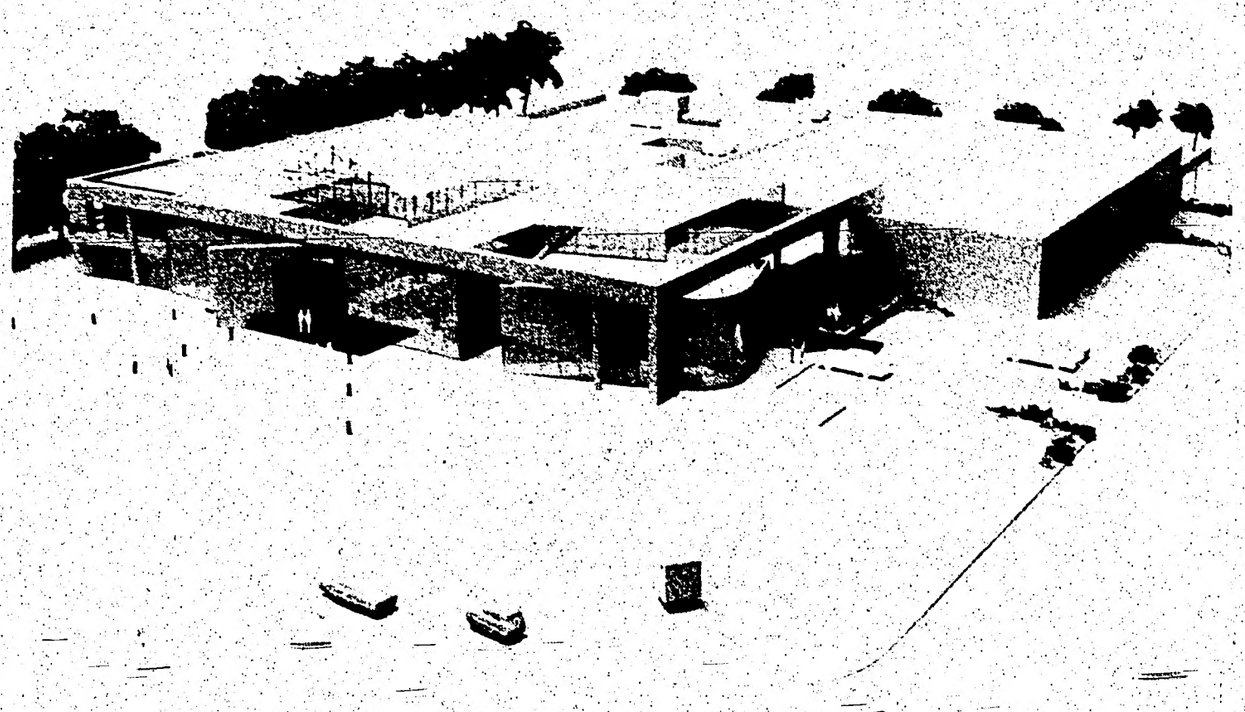

The Toronto Real Estate Board's new headquarters at Don Mills Rd. and Kern Rd. in North York.

Resale housing strong

"There is a strong market for resale housing in western Canada, characterized by high demand and a limited supply of homes listed for sale," says Brian Patterson, vice-president and divisional general manager for Royal LePage in the area.

Eastern and northern Ontario are experiencing a similar market, according to Elmar Moser, vice president and divisional general manager for that area. The gains in selling

Strong increase in Oshawa

An executive, 2-storey home in Windsor is estimated to have risen close to $20,000 in the past year to $130,000. In London and Sarnia detached bungalows have increased 7% since last January, and the same bungalow in Cambridge is over 10% higher at $72,500.

In Eastern Ontario, selling prices in Kingston and Belleville typically increased in the 10% range. A detached bungalow in both centres are up 9% to $80,000 since January, 1985.

The value of standard townhouses has increased somewhat more, with a 3-bedroom townhouse in Kingston 14% higher at $63,000 and a similar unit in Belleville up almost $15,000 over the year to $60,000.

Oshawa reports substantial price increases in the past 12 months. The detached bungalow category in Oshawa is 17% higher at $89,000, while executive, 2-storey homes are up in the 20% range to $131,000.

Central Ontario resale housing values are anywhere from 5% to 20% higher than a year ago.

In Bracebridge, an executive 2-storey home is now worth an estimated $89,000, up over $4,000 from January, 1985.

A comparable home in Orillia is up 8.5% to $102,000 and over 6% higher in Parry Sound at $80,000.

In northern Ontario, selling prices have moved ahead even more strongly. Both North Bay and Sudbury cite price increases in the 15% to 20% range in most categories.

In Thunder Bay, bungalows are 11% higher at $110,000 and in Sault Ste. Marie a comparable home has increased almost 10% to $65,500.

Business Outlook

System remains healthy, vibrant

Collapse of Western banks shakes Canadians

By MARTIN KROSSEL

Not surprisingly, the collapse of two Alberta-based banks has shaken Canadians' confidence in their financial system.

Confirmation of this is to be found in the results of a national public opinion survey recently done for the magazine of the Globe and Mail's Report on Business.

Only half of the 1,018 randomly selected respondents said that they would feel that their money was safe in almost any trust company. A third felt that few or none of the trust companies could be considered safe.

The banks fared somewhat better. Only 25% felt that their funds were not secure in any bank. But a further 47% said that they believed that most banks were safe.

Yet if this survey accurately reflects public attitudes, many Canadians have little confidence in their deposit-taking institutions.

It is easy to trace this unease to the publicity given to the failure of a number of financial institutions, particularly the collapse of the Canadian Commercial and Northlands bank.

However, it is more difficult to determine whether the feelings of unease are justified. The bank failures were only able to continually capture front-page headlines because these events were so unusual.

Before the Canadian Commercial closed its doors last September, there had not been a failure in the industry since the closure of the Home Bank in the early 1920s.

Together, the CCB and the Northlands held 1% of the banking system's assets.

In marked contrast, the United States, with much less media fanfare, established dubious records for the number of bank failures in the past two years.

The 79 bank closures in 1984 was the highest number in any post-depression year. That mark was shattered in 1985 when more than 100 banks went under.

Thus, the collapse of the two banks in Western Canada can thus be seen as a part of a North America-wide phenomenon.

Like the CCB and the Northlands, the banks that collapsed in the United States had their business heavily concentrated in one area of the country.

Many of these banks were pulled down by economic stagnation or decline in the region that they served.

The large Canadian banks are able to avoid these pitfalls because their business is highly diversified. They both accept deposits and make loans right across the country.

This makes it very unlikely that a collapse of one of the big banks could be brought about by a localized run on deposits or an economic downturn in any one region. (In areas where the economy is slow, of course, collecting on loans becomes much more difficult).

Seeing that the large banks are inherently more stable, the wisdom of encouraging the development of regionally-based banks is sometimes questioned.

But many people feel that locally-based financial institutions serve the public better than the large banks. In particular, the owners of small businesses and farmers feel that the executives of the smaller institutions are more sensitive to their concerns.

The attachment of many to the smaller financial institutions was expressed by Jack Foster, a small-business consultant with Petrowest Consulting Services of Calgary after the doors of the Northlands had been closed.

"There were lending practices at the Northlands that other banks wouldn't undertake. And now some of those firms, (which) had good status accounts, could find themselves without a line of credit."

Having more financial institutions also fosters greater competition which ends up benefiting consumers in a variety of ways.

In the last 20 years, the chartered banks have increasingly been forced to compete for consumer deposits and loans with trust companies and other types of financial institutions.

As a result, there has been a proliferation in the types of accounts available to the consumer, making it easier for customers to find a type of account that met their individual needs.

Also, over the last decade, attempting to get more business, most financial institutions have also increased the length of time that they are open for business. Customers were thus sought by making banking more convenient.

The government has recognized the value of having more players in the financial industry. The latest revision to the Bank Act in 1980 contained provisions that simplified the procedure for incorporating new banks.

Foreign banks were for the first time given the opportunity to establish full-fledged Canadian subsidiaries.

In a 1984 Green Paper, the federal government, for the first time, recommended that a mechanism be set up allowing other financial institutions to incorporate banks.

But with more financial institutions, as last fall's crisis demonstrated, comes the need for greater government supervision.

It is clear that the regulators only became aware of improper management practices at the defunct banks, only after it was too late to save them.

Clearly, there is room for improvement. The total staff of the watchdog over the country's banking system, the inspector-general of banks, is only 40.

Obviously, the government's ability to audit Canada's financial institutions must be beefed up.

In addition, tighter control over deposit insurance should be used to discipline the managers of financial institutions.

Originally, deposit insurance was instituted to protect small depositors. But when the CCB and the Northland failed, the government decided to pay off all depositors.

Canada's financial system remains basically healthy and vibrant. Yet some reforms area needed to ensure that it continues to give good service to all borrowers and savers.

Booklet answers questions dealing with property

A new handbook produced by the Ontario Real Estate Association provides information on the various government agencies and ministries which affect property.

The 46-page booklet, which is being distributed through local real estate boards, lists the names and phone numbers of members of the Ontario Cabinet, MPPs and Ontario's MPs in Ottawa.

It also contains information on conservation authorities, various provincial ministries, the ombudsman and the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

According to OREA president Bill Hopkins, the association has been involved in the issue of protecting property rights for many years.

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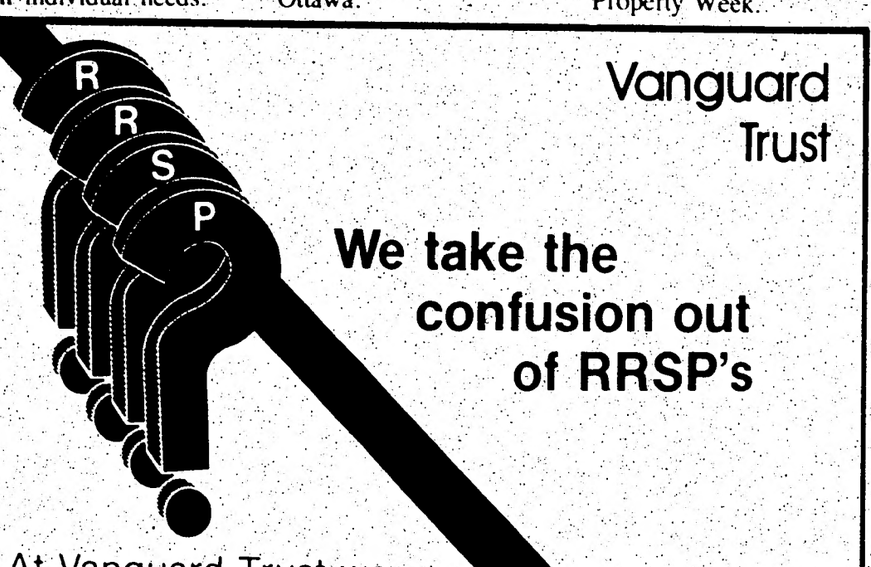

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Business Outlook

Real estate firm joins international network

Toronto's oldest and largest independent real estate firm, J. J. Barnicke Ltd., has been invited to become the sole Canadian affiliate with the prestigious international real estate organization, The Office Network Inc.

Based in Houston, Texas, The Office Network was founded in 1977 to answer the growing need of independent commercial and industrial real estate firms to be able to offer their clients professional services across the country.

Members of the organization are leading independent firms in major markets across the United States, Europe and now Canada which are operated by dedicated local management teams "with unquestionable integrity."

Firms are chosen to represent The Office Network based on their respect within the marketplace, their professionalism and their record of service.

J. J. Barnicke Ltd. has over a generation of expert service to the business world in commercial, industrial, investment and retail real estate, and now coordinates a network of co-operating firms across Canada.

J. J. Barnicke Ltd. becomes the 21st affiliate on The Office Network's roster and Canada is the sixth country in which the organization operates.

Affiliates of The Office Network have approximately 800 sales people with total staff personnel numbering approximately 3,100.

It is one of the two largest commercial real estate organization in North America. In the past 12 months, members of The Network have managed over 100 million square feet of property, leased over 22.5 million square feet of office space and earned gross revenue of (U.S.)$225 million on transactions of (U.S.)$5.3 billion.

Clients who deal with Office Network members save time and money in their real estate transactions. A client who requires real estate in a city outside of his local market would simply contact his local broker and identify his needs.

The broker then contacts the affiliates in the appropriate cities and works with them to provide the client with the real estate which he needs.

The client has the benefit of dealing with his local broker, whom he knows and trusts, and the added expertise of a broker familiar with the marketplace in the city required.

The guesswork of hiring a firm in an unfamiliar market is eliminated, and the process is faster because the client's local broker is already familiar with his operations and real estate needs.

The Network account contacts for the firm will be Joseph J. Barnicke, chairman and Christopher S. Ridabock, vice president, office leasing.

Joseph J. Barnicke, chairman of J.J. Barnicke Limited (right) and Stephen Marmion, president of The Office Network Inc. sign the agreement that makes J.J. Barnicke Limited the sole Canadian affiliate of The Office Network. The flags of the countries The Network is represented in form a fitting backdrop. [Ted Yarwood photo]

Tax treaty takes away lure of U.S. property

When vacationing in your Florida condominium the last thing on your mind is tax, especially U.S. tax. However, a new Canada-U.S. income tax treaty this year will find the tax aspects of owning U.S. real estate to be dramatically different for Canadians.

The new Canada-U.S. Tax Treaty gives the U.S. the ability to fully tax rental income and capital gains realized from U.S. real estate.

Any gain realized on the sale of U.S. real estate after 1985 will be subject to U.S. tax. The U.S. includes 40% of a capital gain in income if the property is held longer than six months.

The gain is then subject to tax at graduated U.S. tax rates which are similar to Canadian rates but it would be also subject to U.S. minimum tax.

A U.S. tax return will be required in which the gain and U.S. tax liability will be reported.

To provide for an orderly transition from the old to the new system, a special rule was introduced into the new treaty.

If the property was owned on Sept. 26, 1980, by a Canadian resident, the portion of the gain arising prior to Dec. 31, 1984, will be exempt from U.S. tax.

The gain on sale is presumed to have accrued uniformly over the time from the date of acquisition unless it can be shown otherwise.

It would be prudent to obtain an estimate of the property's value at the end of 1984 as this may be needed when the property is ultimately sold.

The second major change is an increase in the withholding tax rate on gross rental income from 15% to 30% effective January 1986.

While you may receive a full tax credit from Canada for 15% U.S. withholding tax, it is likely that you will not obtain a full tax credit at the 30% rate.

Thus it will become important to make the election to pay tax on the net rental income and file a U.S. tax return if you have rented the property during the year. Otherwise you may pay tax unnecessarily.

The change in the withholding tax rate from 15% to 30% will be of little consequence if a U.S. tax return is filed. More significant is the U.S. taxation of any capital gain realized on sale.

Because of the new $500,000 capital gains exemption, many people will have a tax-exempt gain for Canadian purposes on selling their U.S. property and hence will pay no Canadian tax on the gain.

However, the U.S. will levy tax on the capital gain. Canada will likely not grant a credit for the U.S. tax where the capital gain is exempt for Canadian purposes.

Thus the right of the U.S. to tax capital gains will generally result in tax that otherwise would not have been paid.

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Business Outlook

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With offices in every major Canadian city, and employing more than 900 people, Dun & Bradstreet Canada has become an integral part of Canada's business community.

Alan Mankoff, president of D&B, recently spoke about the services provided by his company.

"Our largest division, the Business Data Division, gathers and maintains information on over 620,000 Canadian businesses. The information they obtain — ranging from a company's history — to how they pay their bills — is organized into a variety of reports and formats.

"In order to address the specific needs of marketplace, we have formed four operating divisions — each focuses on an individual market requirement."

The business information sales division is entrusted with the task of developing and selling the "Credit Services" family of products. Some of their major products are:

— The Business Information Report — this is the Report D&B is best known for — basically it is a in-depth look into a company.

— A new report, just added this year — The Payment Analysis Report, provides a comprehensive credit appraisal of a company.

— Another report added this year, The Dun's Financial Profiles provides a 3-year analysis of a company's satements — compared against industry averages.

The Marketing Services Division is in the business of providing a variety of marketing oriented products such as:

— Dun's market identifiers — basically this is a summarized business information report focusing in on data pertinent to marketing or sales requirements — such as a company's sales volume, number of employers, line of business, number of locations and key personnel within an organization.

— Dun's promotional services — makes available listings of every company within our database, used by "business to business" direct marketers.

List selection can be made by size of a company, geography or line of business.

For example, a user could virtually select all the plant stores with three or more employees on Yonge St. between Bloor and Steeles on the west side of the street.

— Market focus — is a form of specialized market research.

The Commercial Collection Division — is faced with the task of assisting their clients manage their accounts receivable. They are not your basic "bad debt collection service," but rather "debt management specialists."

Alan Mankoff

Their orientation is geared towards providing systems to minimized receivables through planning and information — while relying on personal collections as a final resort.

Business education division — their mandate is to develop seminars and courses designed to provide practical training for Canadian business people — from secretaries to chief executives.

The backbone of D&B is information, says Mankoff. The more we can store and the more versatility we have n retrieving information, the more support we can provide our customers.

"The computer system we have developed to handle our requirements is probably one of the largest, most advanced — systems in Canada.

"Our objective is to provide the business person with as much or as little information as they require — in the format they require — the instant they require it.

"The so called "information society" is coming of age — business people are no longer satisfied with standard information — they require custom information to fulfil their needs."

Computers can make home heating easier

By DAVID PIERSON

When old man winter sets in you usually have a choice of a freezing house or astronomical heating bills.

But as in so many other areas in today's society the computer has now made heating your home easier.

If you're tired of returning to a frigid house because you turned the thermostat down before you left you can now let an electronic home monitoring and control system adjust the heat before you return home.

And while the price tag of $2,000 to $2,500 for such a system may make you want to put with cold feet for a little while longer, the president of Compu-Home Systems International Inc. Jeff Goldberg, says the system called TomorrowHouse II, will pay for itself within a few years.

Goldberg says it costs from $800 to $1,000 a year to heat an average home and by installing a home monitoring system you can greatly reduce heating bills.

The appeal of a computer controlled system, besides cutting costs, is the comfort factor. The system turns the heating or air conditioning down as you leave the house, then switches it back to a preselected comfort level timed for your return.

And you're not just getting a heat adjuster with TommorowHouse II. The system has timers that can turn lights, sprinklers and the oven on and off through sensors that detect variations in lightness and darkness (for switching on lights), temperature, motion (for burglars, for example), smoke detection and soil moisture (for sprinkler controls).

According to Goldberg, TommorowHouse is credited by a hospital in Kelso, Wash., with preventing a serious accident in the intensive-care nursery when a steam pipe broke and the system turned off the steam.

The current system is controlled by an Apple II-plus or IIe computer (not included in the price), though versions are being designed for the IBM PC and other popular micros.

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Business Outlook

Increase size of payments

There are several ways to handle mortgages

By
BRIAN COSTELLO

The beginning of a new year offers us the opportunity to reassess our financial situations and start off on the right foot. The question is: What should we do?

For many, 1986 is the year of the mortgage. With last year's real estate successes, many more Canadians have taken on loans to buy new or bigger houses.

For them, one of the best ways to start the year is to increase the size of their mortgage payments.

Times are tough for lenders. For a change, they must compete to get their money out. As a result, most of the loans issued last year had reasonably liberal prepayment privileges.

With 12- to 15% loans outstanding, it's an easy decision to use your money to pay off a mortgage.

Mortgages are normally paid with non tax deductible dollars. As a result, homeowners pay as much as twice their quoted interest rate.

That means someone in the 50% tax bracket and 12% mortgage actually pays the equivalent of 24% interest in pre-tax dollars.

There are two choices: Paying extra against the mortgage so that the outstanding principal falls faster than normal — or rearranging your finances so that part or all of the mortgage interest is tax deductible.

Those with lower interest rate loans shouldn't be as quick to pay down their loans, however, since they may be able to earn more by investing their money elsewhere.

There's a relatively easy way to determine whether to pay down your mortgage. You simply compare the rate of return you earn by investing your money to the interest rate you pay on your loan.

For example, if you have a 9.5% mortgage at the same time as you have term deposits that yield 11%, you might not want to pay down that loan.

Don't forget to include taxes in this equation. If it's a straight 9.5 versus 11%, there's not much problem as your take-home yield does indeed exceed your mortgage cost.

Even then, however, try to follow a policy of paying your loans down as fast as possible since the new money you may have to invest can't always be invested at a yield equal to or higher than the mortgage rate.

And then we have the question of compounding.

Most investments are compounded yearly and over a short period of time while mortgages are compounded twice a year and over a very long period.

As a result, when the yield is close it pays to pay down the loan as fast as possible.

When taxes are involved, paying down loans becomes even more important — especially in 1986 with the higher federal tax rates, the elimination of the $50 federal tax reduction, a surtax, a minimum tax and higher provincial taxes.

If the 11% you earn by investing in, say, term deposits is taxable, you must calculate what percentage you actually take home after paying your tax bill.

For example, if, like the average Canadian, you are in the 35% tax bracket, you'll have to eliminate 35% of the 11% yield. It's gone in taxes.

Naturally, the first $1,000 is tax free but everything above that level will be eroded.

In this example, we'd be left with a take-home yield of 7.15% — which is well below our mortgage cost.

The higher your tax bracket, the less you take home. So it's easier for lower income earners to match their mortgage cost and, as a result, justify keeping their mortgage in place.

But don't forget that the new money you have to invest won't be able to earn 11% unless you're prepared to lock it away for five years or so.

Even then, you may want to pay these extra funds against your loan to save the semi-annual long-term compounding that increases the cost of a mortgage so rapidly.

There's an added advantage to paying down loans as soon as possible.

The smaller the loan, the more alternatives you have at renewal time and the more strength when dealing with lenders.

In addition, once you've paid off your mortgage, you can remortgage at any time to buy investments.

The interest on that new mortgage will then be tax deductible.

After a few difficult years diamonds regain brilliance

TEL AVIV —

The return to stability of the once again glittering diamond trade will be celebrated in Israel this summer when the 23rd World Diamond Congress is conducted here, June 29 to July 3.

A record gathering of almost 1,000 leaders of the industry is anticipated by Congress organizers, with the diamond branch recovering its brilliance after several difficult years in the international trade.

A feature of the Congress will be the opening of the Harry Oppenheimer Diamond Museum in Israel.

Israel President Chaim Herzog will open the 23rd World Diamond Congress at his Residence in Jerusalem.

The biannual deliberations of the World Federation of Diamond Bourses and of the International Diamond Manufacturers Association will be conducted with an optimistic outlook further streamlining production and distribution techniques to serve a dynamically renewed diamond market, according to Moshe Schnitzer, president of the Israel Diamond Exchange.

The Exchange and the Israel Diamond Manufacturers Association are hosting the Congress.

The program will include: visits to the ORT Vocational High School with its gem curriculum; a student fashion show; tours of Caesarea; Ein Hod Artist Colony and Tel-Aviv-Jaffa; and a visit to the Sheba Medical Center, under the auspices of NILA, Women's Voluntary Service of the Diamond Trade.

Kenes Congress and Tours is handling the Diamond congress arrangements, including attendees' reservations and registration. Information may be obtained from the Secretariat, P.O.B. 50006, Tel Aviv 615]], Tel: (03)654572, Telex 341171 KENS IL.

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The Israel diamond industry increased its exports by more than 22% during 1985 to achieve overseas sales of $1.26 billion, as the diamond trade here is seen returning to the growth period of the late 1970's. Exports in 1984 were $1.04 billion.

This country's largest export industry, the diamond branch's restored sparkle in 1985 is said to be marked especially by the significant rise in the quantity of polished stones exported, a record 2.8 million carats, 22.7% more than 2.28 million carats the previous year.

This massive turnover is said to reflect a stability in pricing, with the industry's boost in export value based on enhanced volume rather than cost fluctuations.

The major market remains the United States, which imported Israeli-cut diamonds valued at more than $720 million net during 1985, almost 50% more than in the previous year.

Exports to Hong Kong also increased to approximately $150 million from $119 million in 1984 and those to Japan, exceeded $130 million, a rise of more than 10% in gem diamonds from Israel.

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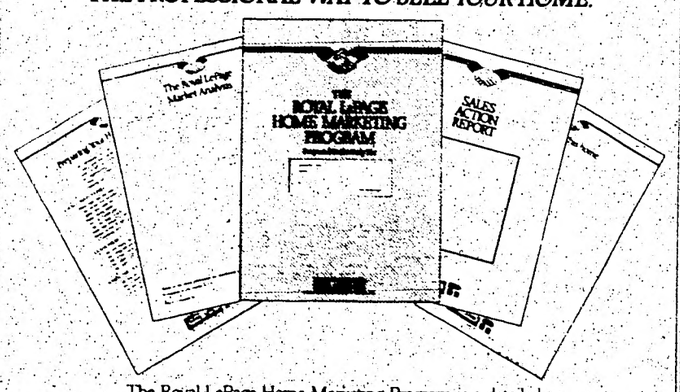

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Business Outlook

Hi-tech uses computers as work supervisors

WASHINGTON — When a maid tidies up a room in one of this city's finest hotels, she starts and finishes by tapping a code number into the bedside push-button telephone — thus enabling a computer to record her work time.

The maid service with the high-technology twist is but one example of a growing international work trend, the use of computers as silent but ever-vigilant work supervisors.

Experts say that so-called "computer monitoring," the electronic surveillance of job performance, has spread from the telephone industry, which programs computers to supervise its operators to hotels, clerical offices, supermarkets, mail-sorting centres and even trucking firms.

"It's amazing when you think of the variety of occupations in which it's used," said Harley Shaiken, a labor analyst at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Up to three million people who use computer terminals on the job in the United States are said to be subject to monitoring by their machines, which can compile records of when they are being used and for what purpose.

Industry analysts say the practice is also on the rise in other countries as the computer age dawns around the globe.

In some cases individuals have been disciplined after a computer found they were falling below company work standards.

Critics call the use of computers to check on a person's work a dramatic example of the 2-edged sword of technology.

"It makes people sort of their own jailers in a sense," says Patrick Hunt, an official of a labor union representing telephone workers.

"Instead of using computers to find more adventuresome or creative ways to do a job, managers are using them to make sure the worker does it exactly the way they want him to."

"It's the equivalent of giving each worker a constant supervisor," said MIT's Shaiken.

Employers who use it as a management tool insist computer monitoring spurs productivity and increases profits.

— One U.S. grocery chain, which replaced its cash registers with computerized price-scanning equipment, boasts that it has since saved $15 million annually because of increased efficiency at the checkout counter.

— A trucking firm that uses computers to ensure its drivers observe the speed limit says the move has brought about a reduction of wear and tear on its vehicles and increased fuel efficiency, for a saving of $750,000.

— Several insurance companies credit computer monitoring with cutting costs and making customers happier by speeding up the processing of claims.

But critics say productivity gains from the controversial practice are often short-lived and that the overall result is additional worker stress, fatigue and alienation.

"In many cases, the first casualty is the quality of service," says Shaiken.

"Employees, in order to keep up (with the computer-ordered workpace), feel pressure to reduce the quality and concentrate on banging out the numbers."

Almost inevitably, there are comparisons with the chilling vision of an authoritarian, thought-controlled future painted by George Orwell in his classic novel, *1984*.

Having a computer keep track of one's work "is like having Big Brother looking over your shoulder," said Ron Richardson, a hotel worker's union official. "It's just not good for anybody — emotionally or physically."

Computer manufacturers say the critics may have a point.

"Like any management technique, computer monitoring can be misused," says Charlotte Le Gates of the Computer Business Equipment Manufacturers Association.

But she adds it can also be used "in a way that's very positive, in a way that increases self-motivation."

"In the work world, competition is the essence of the excitement of doing a job," she said.

"If statistical feedback can help (people) do a better job, and not be used in a punitive way . . . then I think that's all to the good."

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The cost, Haines explained, is quickly amortized. A subscriber in Canada pays an initial fee of five hours' worth of service, or $280. After that, the price comes down.

The only glitch so far in the service, Haines said, is that many telephone customers in the States don't subscribe to AT&T.

After a federal court in the U.S. ordered the divestiture of the communications giant two years ago, many users have gone to other companies, such as General Electric or Sprint.

Haines said Telecom Canada and smaller American telephone companies are currently exploring the possibility of setting up the same toll-free service between Canada and the U.S.

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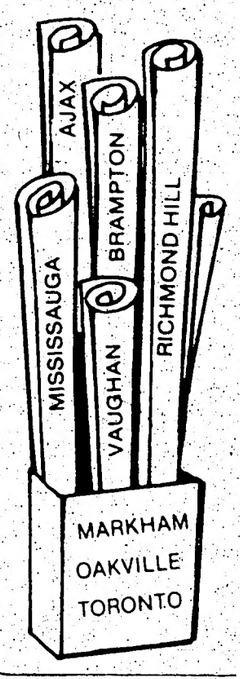

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Remembers "Oklahoma deal"

TREB president looks back with no regrets

By JEFF ROSEN

Most people outside the real estate business would simply shrug their shoulders if asked what an "Oklahoma deal" was. However the quick thinking of a young Nat Green, newly elected president of the Toronto Real Estate Board, launched him on the path to becoming head of the world's largest real estate board.

Green, who has been in the business 34 years, says he was working in his gift store at St. Clair and Lansdowne in 1952 when a real estate broker presented him with an offer to purchase his business using what Green termed an "Oklahoma deal."

Green says this involves buying property without making a downpayment.

"I saw right through that and he says I should be in the (real estate business)," says Green.

Jumping into the field of real estate, Green says he got his licence within six months, sold the gift shop and never looked back.

"I have no regrets. "There is no regimentation in the business, earnings are unlimited and you can earn according to your ability."

After a few prosperous years in the field, he became a sales manager for Mann and Martel in 1956, where he remained for 12 years. While he initially missed selling, he says he found his forte in upper management.

From 1968 to 1985 he held key senior management positions in the real estate divisions of several major trust companies, including The Permanent, United Trust and Canada Trust.

After taking an early retirement from the latter firm last July, Green returned to the work force after two months with Robert Case Realty Ltd. as vice-president and consultant.

Green has been a member of TREB since 1952 and actively involved in the work of its committees and councils since 1967.

He has been a director for eight years, a member of its executive committee for the past five years, and a vice-president for the past two.

In 1981, Green established the 25-year club of TREB, and has been the club's chairman since then.

As the 60th president of the over 15,500-member board, Green says he plans to further upgrade and maintain the image of organized real estate. A strong advocate of education, Green says he favors courses to increase salesmen's knowledge of the business.

Looking at the field for 1986, Green says sales to date in January are up from the same time last year.

He says there should be no drastic changes in volume and prices from 1985 levels, which he cited as the best year ever for real estate.

During 1985 sales increased 43% and the average price rose 7% over 1984.

Green cites improved economic conditions as the reason for the improved real estate market.

Green is a member of Bathurst Lawn Cemetery and a past president of Hebrew Friendly Sick Benefit Society.

Green and his wife Rose have two married children, Howard and Wendy, and are the grandparents of one grandson and five granddaughters.

Nat Green

Checking firm's name can save headaches

Flourishing businesses can face sudden financial problems simply because company names weren't researched carefully.

Ontario firms have been successfully sued for operating under names already in use by other companies.

In addition to facing hefty legal fees and penalties imposed by the course, a well-established company could lose valuable customers if forced to change its name, say experts with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations (MCCR).

Some firms operate for years, innocently using another company's name before the duplication is discovered and legal action is taken.

To avoid future problems, everyone setting up a new firm should investigate business names just as carefully as they would the financing and marketing of their products or services.

Hiring a private search house is the easiest way to ensure you don't duplicate another company's name. Agencies providing this service use computers to search records of business names.

You may do the job yourself, but without access to computer lists, it can be difficult and time-consuming work.

A microfilm index of Ontario corporations is available for public use at the ministry's Companies Branch — 2nd floor, 555 Yonge St., Toronto.

You will also have to consult other sources such as telephone directories, trade publications and trade indexes.

It's vital to pick a name that is not misleading, confusing or obscene. The use of certain words, such as "Trust," are restricted under various laws. If you have any doubts about the legality of the name chosen, consult a lawyer.

The ministry has published a brochure called Registering a Business Name in Ontario, containing specific information about different ways of organizing a company and where to register the name.

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Business Outlook

Pair develops software for builders, landlords

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

This is one of those Horatio Alger-type business stories.

In 1977, Howard Honickman, an accountant and university instructor and Donald Kirouac, one of his students, had a hunch: that computer software systems designed for homebuilding and property management were inadequate and that one day, there would be a huge demand for superior software in those fields.

They were right— in spades.

With just a handful of clients and not much backing nine years ago, Honickman and Kirouac launched Minicom Real Estate Management Systems, specializing in writing software for housebuilders and managers of commercial and residential property.

Last year, Minicom made $6 million and projections for 1986 are in the $8 million to $9 million range.

The company now employs 88 and boasts over 150 blue-chip clients in the real estate business.

Among them are Royal LePage, Trizec, Royal Bank Realty and Minicom's biggest customer, Olympia & York. (It took a whole year to design O&Y's program).

Nine years ago, not every builder or landlord knew the importance of a computer-managed system of accounting, costs, maintenance, materials and the like.

Today, says Minicom executive vice-president Michael Diamond, "everyone knows you need a system; it's just which one you're going to buy.

"Computer systems just get more and more vital as you grow in a business. Where they get vital is in saving money and controlling costs," Diamond says.

In the company's formative stages, Honickman and his associates wrote computer programs that were groundbreaking for their day. They started with basic accounting systems and went on to developing software for property management and construction.

On the housebuilding side, their software uses a system called job costing. It breaks down each category of building homes or apartments (materials, subcontracting, budgeting, etc.) and calculates construction costs per unit.

In commercial and residential management, Minicom's systems offer clients instant information on subtenant and parking control, deposits, sales per square foot, frequency of maintenance and multiple rental spaces under one lease.

Diamond says while Minicom's systems are good for almost all kinds of property management, the company will write a new program or upgrade an exisiting one for a client's special needs and all systems can "mainframe," that is, access with the company's main computer.

"We don't just sell widgets," Diamond says. "We sell systems and stay with a client to make sure that system works."

Minicom also offers accounting programs and several ancillary programs, which include financial reporting, auditing and energy management, a program that tracks energy usage and analyzes energy purposes considering location and type of constuction.

We've come a long way since the ledger book.

Planning, RRSPs topic of program

TORONTO —

Steven Kelman, an independent financial consultant and former associate editor of The Financial Times, will speak on Financial Planning and RRSPs at a program sponsored by the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods at Beth Sholom Synagogue Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m.

A question and answer period will follow the program and the public is invited to attend.

On Sunday, April 6, the council will be hosting an Israeli Trivia Night. Men's groups are asked to submit teams of three and more than one team per club is permissible. Those interested are asked to contact club representatives or George Glass at 441-1999.

The council is made up of men's clubs and brotherhoods of Orthodox Conservative, Reform and Sephardi organizations in Metropolitan Toronto and vicinity.

Fullerton to host Cohon reception

TORONTO —

A special Canadian Friends of Haifa University reception in honor of George A. Cohon, president of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada will be hosted by R. Donald Fullerton, chairman of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce on March 11 on the 56th floor of the bank's head office in Toronto.

R. Donald Fullerton

The reception will be held in recognition of the establishment of the George A. Cohon Development Fund at the University of Haifa.

Cohon will receive an honorary doctorate degree from the university in Israel, on June 4. The reception hosted by Fullerton will be the opening event of the tribute to Cohon, culminating in a send-off dinner on May 22 at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto.

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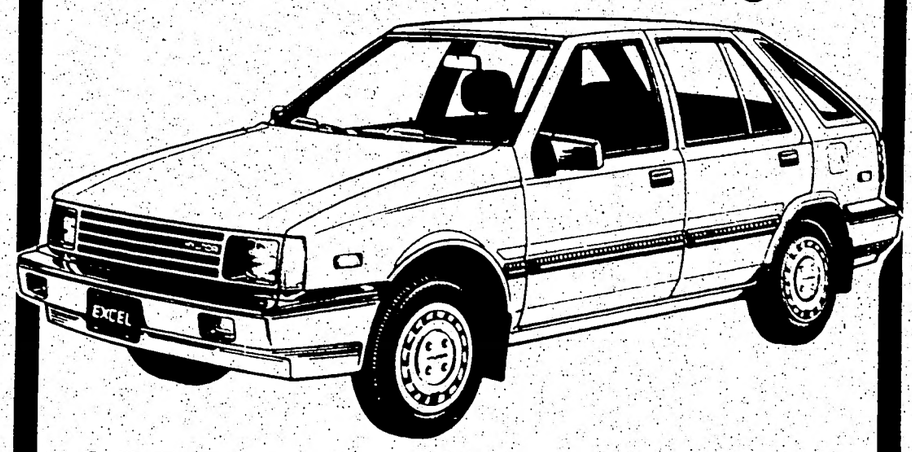

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"The doctors are talking very foolish"

Seniors side with govt. against extra-billing

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

For the Association of Jewish Seniors, the issue of extra-billing by Ontario doctors is the mirror opposite of its fight last summer against the federal government's plans to partially deindex old age pensions.

This time, the 6,000-member association is supporting the government in its effort to ban extra billing.

But by the same token, the Jewish seniors have lost none of their fighting trim in taking on such social issues.

The association is one of 12 senior citizens' groups representing almost 400,000 seniors supporting the passage of the law that would outlaw extra billing.

Under the proposed legislation introduced by Health Minister Murray Elston in December, doctors may continue to opt in or out of the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP). Those who opt out and bill their patients directly will not be permitted to charge more than the fixed OHIP rates. Those who opt in will bill OHIP directly, as is now the practice for most Ontario doctors.

And doctors who continue to bill above the OHIP rates could face fines of up to $10,000. Those who opt out bill patients directly and patients are reimbursed by OHIP. About 12% of Ontario physicians have already opted out of OHIP.

One of the tactics currently being used by doctors is the threat that all 17,000 members of the Ontario Medical Association will pull out of OHIP, and then change their minds at the last minute. That would probably create havoc with government paperwork.

"The doctors are talking very foolish," says Association of Jewish Seniors vice-president Jack Lutsky flatly.

"We are supporting the government 100%. And if the doctors have certain grievances, they should negotiate in good faith. I think doctors will never go on strike. They'll probably find other ways of getting even with their patients," like making them wait longer for appointments, Lutsky said.

The seniors' association fears that many senior citizens, already on fixed incomes that are often low, would rather forego medical care than pay higher fees they couldn't afford.

Seniors are "running scared" over doctors who charge extra and it's ironic too, because OHIP is free for seniors, Lutsky added.

Some doctors are talking about about moving to the United States, where they can bill what they think their services are worth.

"If some of them want to go to the United States, let them go," said Lutsky. "Right now, they're grabbing poor people by the throat."

In an interview with The CJN (Jan. 30) association president Belle Orson said her group will soon begin bombarding the government with letters and calls, urging it to pass the bill.

Lutsky says that unlike the pension issue, seniors will not demonstrate in support of Queen's Park. "We're not going to march."

Lutsky would like to see OHIP assistance extended to dentists and to cover the cost of eyeglasses for seniors. Currently, OHIP only covers dental services performed in hospitals and one eye examination a year.

In a position paper sent recently to the government and medical associations, the seniors' coalition spells out its stance: banning extra billing, user fees and private health insurance premiums; supporting "fair and adequate financial compensation" for doctors and the introduction of an evaluation program based on doctors' skills and experience— a sort of "merit pay scale." In return, the Ontario Medical Association said it would "do something about" the seniors' claim that many of them are suffering due to extra billing.

But the Jewish seniors are not supporting the Ontario government on every health issue.

It is opposed to the passage of Bills 54 and 55, which would regulate the costs of prescription drugs in Ontario.

"The government wants pharmacists to work more for less money," claims Lutsky. "We don't agree with that."

The association agrees with the Ontario Pharmacists' Association that the law would engage druggists in extra paperwork and red tape and draw their energies away from doing their proper jobs, which includes informing people about drugs and the availablity of cheaper, generic drugs.

The proposed legislation would reimburse pharmacists for the wholesale cost of drugs. Many pharmacists fear that would eliminate competition among drug manufacturers and actually increase the cost of drugs.

The legislation would also mean that personal prescription records would no longer be confidential and that pharmacists would have to fill drug quantities exactly as written, Lutsky said.

"Old people are people who want to live," noted Lutsky. "We just don't want doctors and pharmacists to take advantage of us."

Seen at the recent opening of the new national offices of B'nai B'rith Women of Canada are (standing, from left) Nancy Cooperberg, national president; Howard Moscoe, North York controller; Ellen Nash, executive director of BB Women; and Rabbi Harvey Meirovich of Beth Sholom Synagogue. Seated is North York Alderman Irving Chapley.

BBW Canada opens offices

TORONTO —

Official ceremonies took place recently for the opening of the new national offices of B'nai B'rith Women of Canada at 638A Sheppard Ave. W., Suite 210, with Rabbi Harvey Meirovich, senior rabbi of Beth Sholom Synagogue, dedicating the premises and affixing the mezuzot.

Nancy Cooperberg of Montreal, national president of BB Women of Canada cut the ribbon, saying: "I am proud to declare these offices open so that B'nai B'rith Women of Canada may continue to serve its membership, the Jewish community, and the needs of Canadian women with strength, vigor and vision for many years to come." On behalf of Montreal Council of BB Women, she presented a lithograph representing tzedekah, one of the basic tenets of the organization.

Controller Howard Moscoe and Alderman Irving Chapley brought greetings from Mayor Mel Lastman of the City of North York and the North York Council commending BB for the organization's work for the entire community.

"If you didn't do this necessary work, the city would have to," said Moscoe. Chapley, whose wife was twice president of Wilson Heights Chapter of BB Women, spoke of his "long and rewarding association" with the organization.

Presentations were made on behalf of BB Women of Toronto and Winnipeg.

Zbar to head board

NORTH YORK —

Morris Zbar was acclaimed chairman of the North York Public Library Board during the board's annual election of officers the library has announced. Zbar has been a board member since 1981.

Morris Zbar

"I think the most valuable assets I will be bringing to the job are my Board experience and my management background," Zbar said. The major challenge in 1986 he added, will be to work toward completion of such major projects as the new Civic Square Library and the expansion of the library's computerization program.

He says it is imperative that the library continue to meet the needs of North York's ethnic communities. As a person who has witnessed the impact of large-scale illiteracy in the Third World, he is supportive of the library's literacy program, a release from the library states.

Zbar is the Metro Young Offenders Act Co-ordinator for the ministry of correctional services. He represents the ministry in matters pertaining to the Young Offenders Act, ensuring that the act is properly administered in dealings with young offenders in Metropolitan Toronto.

In addition to his duties with the library board, Zbar is an executive member of the board of directors of the Canadian Criminal Justice Association, past-president of the Ontario Association of Corrections and Criminology and a member of the B'nai B'rith Thornhill Lodge.

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Students hold an all-day vigil for Refusenik

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Some 125 students held an all-day vigil recently at Queen's Park to draw attention to the recent arrest in the Soviet Union of Vladimir Lifshitz, a 44-year-old Jew who has been a Refusenik for five years.

The students, representing the North American Jewish Students' Network and on-campus Jewish groups at York University and the University of Toronto, say Lifshitz was arrested in Leningrad Jan. 8 on charges of anti-Soviet slander.

The students say the evidence against Lifshitz consists of five letters he sent to friends and relatives overseas and to foreign governments, asking them to intervene on behalf of the Soviet Union's roughly 350,000 Refuseniks and to further the case of Jewish family reunification.

As well, Lifshitz was given a ceremonial Israeli Citizenship Certificate two years ago and went on a hunger strike for three weeks in December, 1983.

According to Network, Lifshitz, a mathematician, economist and computer scientist, now faces up to three years in a labor camp. In the meantime, the students fear he may be being held incommunicado and without access to legal counsel while he awaits trial.

To end their rally, the students held a candlelight vigil in the evening, attended by federal and provincial politicians.

Bill Attewell, MP for Don Valley East and chairman of the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Committee, called on the Canadian government to protest to the Soviet Union on behalf of all Jews wanting to emigrate.

Currently, he said, Canada can only make representation on behalf of Soviet Jews wanting to come to Canada.

However, Ottawa is under pressure from Jewish groups to change its policy and speak out for all Soviet Jews wanting to leave.

Marion Bryden, co-chairman of the Ontario Legislature Committee for Soviet Jewry and an NDP MPP, said "it's very important to speak out" for Soviet Jewry. "If we don't, the Soviets won't change."

Member of Parliament David Kilgour, head of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, has sent a letter to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, calling on the Soviets to release Lifshitz and his wife and permit them to immigrate to Israel.

In another development, B'nai B'rith Canada recently telephoned Lifshitz's wife Anna. Through the call, BB says it learned that the Soviets are "violating" international postal conventions by signing the return portion of registered mail receipts instead of allowing their intended recipients to do so.

According to B'nai B'rith, Anna said her husband discovered that the letters he had sent seeking help never reached their destinations and were confiscated by the Soviet postal officials and forwarded to the KGB.

Soviet postal directive

Vladimir then had the letters traced. In the process, he learned of a Soviet postal directive stating that only postal officials may sign registered mail receipts on international mail. Apparently, the order further instructs officials that the portion of the registry card which should be signed by the recipient not be given to the intended recipient and should be left blank.

This, says BB, is "a direct contravention of the International Postal Convention."

According to Canada Post spokesman Laszlo Szabo, the Soviets are members of the Universal Postal Union, an arm of the United Nations that promotes international postal cooperation.

Szabo confirmed that it is acceptable under the Soviet system to allow a postal employee to sign for someone else's registered mail.

He said if someone has a grievance, he can file an indemnity claim with Canada Post with full documentation. Canada Post then queries the Soviets and if the letter is proved not to have been received by the addressee, Canada reimburses the sender and then tries to recover the costs from the Soviets.

"For quite some time now, we have been wondering why our registration cards have been returned bearing unknown signatures," says Michael Rosenberg, chairman of BB's Soviet Jewry Committee. "Now it all begins to make sense.

"We can't depend on the Soviet authorities to uphold their international postal agreements. We must act now to stop Soviet officials from reading and confiscating private mail and from sentencing people for writing letters."

Both B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and Hillel are now busy circulating a petition calling on the Soviets to allow Lifshitz to go to Israel.

Students held an all-day rally recently at Queen's Park on behalf of Refusenik Vladimir Lifshitz. [David J.C. Gord photo]

Card firm promotion helps the Heart Fund

TORONTO —

Hallmark Cards of Canada has started a special valentine promotion to raise $25,000 as part of the Heart Fund's goal of raising $7.2 million this year.

With every Hallmark valentine card purchased in Ontario until Feb. 14 comes a heart-shaped "token of love." Drop the token into a special container in the store and for each one filled, the company will make a contribution to the Heart Fund campaign, a release from Hallmark states.

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During the last 30 years, the Heart Fund has supported heart, stroke and blood vessel research by raising more than $170 million.

As a result, since 1955, research has helped cut the death rate from heart disease and stroke in Candians under 65 by more than one third, according to statistics from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

"But the job is far from over. Heart attack deaths are still the largest single killer and are only down by 25%," says Bob Nobes, president of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

"So while we have achieved a great deal of progress, we would like to see much more," he says.

Children's art sought for cover of daycare book

TORONTO —

United Daycare, an organization working towards universal daycare in Canada, is accepting submissions for the cover of a nursery and daycare guidebook of Toronto and region.

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Negative file created

Keegstra trial psychologist claims govt. blacklist

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The sealed government file on an Alberta psychologist who spoke out against Jim Keegstra has been purged of 77 negative letters and appraisals, according to the psychologist involved.

Robert Haymond told The CJN that following meetings involving himself, his union representative and government negotiators, "they agreed to destroy all the (negative) material in the sealed file."

Haymond had been concerned that uncomplimentary material was added to the file after he had signed an agreement to terminate his employment, making it difficult for him to obtain subsequent employment.

The creation of a negative file was, in his view, part of a government attempt to "blacklist" him after he called Keegstra a "sick and pitiful man" to his face during a court break in the lengthy trial of the former Eckville school teacher (CJN Jan. 2). Keegstra was eventually convicted of promoting hatred against Jews and fined $5,000.

Haymond suspects elements of anti-semitism may have been involved in the decision of his former employers at the Alberta ministry of social services and community health to terminate his contract months before it was set to expire. He also believes the government "doesn't like civil servants speaking out on controversial matters and challenging them to my right to do so."

Government spokesmen flatly deny allegations of anti-semitism, and they decline to comment on other aspects of Haymond's file.

Said Jim Dau, media relations spokesman for social services and community health, department policy is that "what's on a person's file should remain confidential." He refused to comment on Haymond's claim that the file had been purged, saying only "agreement was reached that changed the agreement of resignation."

In a telephone interview, Haymond said the file now contains only an agreement he executed to terminate his contract — which, he said, financial considerations forced him to do — as well as favorable statements about his work record placed in the file before he agreed to terminate the contract.

Inquiries by a prospective employer about his work at the ministry will go unanswered, Haymond said, save for a simple comment he'd worked there and that the ministry would not rehire him.

No reasons will be given, he added, and the ministry has not told him why it will not rehire him.

Haymond, who has a PhD in educational psychology, stated he recently applied for a job in Alberta in a field in which there are few qualified people — adolescent psychology. "They refused even an interview," he said.

Haymond says he should be reinstated, since his file contains no reasons why he is not qualified to work in Alberta, and he feels he deserves compensation for lost wages and damages to his professional reputation and personal life.

He says the Alberta government should act with "integrity and magnanimity on this."

In the meantime, he has written to Premier Don Getty asking him to meet with John Booth, president of the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees or Ray Martin, the MLA who had asked that Haymond's file be cleared of the "black record" it contained.

He has also sought the assistance of the Psychologists Association of Alberta, the profession's governing body.

Charles Banner, president of the association, says PAA recently wrote to Roger Bland, the associate deputy minister of Alberta mental health services, in an "attempt to get information as to what happened."

Banner noted "it is a strange" case. "If they have serious complaints related to competence or ethics (of any of the association's 1,400 members), it is normal practice to lodge the complaint with the association."

Without a complaint, "we can not actively do very much."

Haymond said he is now actively seeking work, and he is seeking support in the Jewish community. He has received support from the Jewish Defence League and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, which has written to Getty and Neil Webber, the minister of social services.

Helen Smolack, chairwoman of CHRA, said the letter asks for information regarding the ministry's position on the matter, in particular if any action is contemplated that would "rectify what seems a considerable wrong."

One month after sending the letter, CHRA has received no reply, she said.

The Edmonton Jewish Federation, a Canadian Jewish Congress affiliate, is monitoring the situation, according to Sheldon Maerov, vice-president of communications for the Federation.

If there were clear evidence that the decision to end Haymond's contract was based on anti-semitism, and not on an employer-employee dispute, CJF would get involved, he said. But "there is no evidence to warrant" that sort of action, he said.

Haymond, noting the "victory" over the matter of his file, said he's close to exhausting the recourses open to him. "I'm up against the province of Alberta," he said. "I want to resolve this issue by saying I did everything I could."

Seen playing one of several education games at a recent kallah for Ontario teenagers in small communities are (from left) Noa Kaplan (Sarnia), and Lazar Klein (Guelph).

Educational venture

Teens hold a 3-day kallah

TORONTO — Teenagers from across Ontario gathered at the Lipa Green Building recently for a 3-day kallah (conclave) on the theme of: From Immigration to Integration: The Canadian Jewish Experience.

The educational event is operated as part of the Pincus Fund High School Outreach Program and is designed "expressly for the needs of teenagers living in small Ontario Jewish Communities," says the coordinator of the program, David Cooper.

The theme of the meeting was explored through panel discussions, lectures, and simulation exercises "all designed to better develop the participants' sensitivity and awareness of the immigration experience and how that relates to small town living," Cooper says.

During the evenings, the teenagers, (from Sarnia, Kitchener, Guelph, Hamilton, Oshawa, Belleville, Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury) watched The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz and used the facilities of the Jewish Community Centre.

Participants in the program are expected to study two hours per week from a specially created curriculum with their rabbi or teacher, or through correspondence with the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Twice a year, Kallot are held for the students to get together to learn and have some fun, and at the end of the 3-year program (1988) participants take a group trip to Israel.

The educational venture of the Pincus Fund in Israel and Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, is operated under the direction of Yehuda Lipsitz, executive director CJC, Ontario Region; Susan Jackson, director of community services and youth activities; and David Cooper.

The next kallah will be held during the Victoria Day long weekend at a camp outside Toronto.

For more information contact Cooper at the CJC, Ontario Region, office, 4600 Bathurst St. Willowdale, M2R 3V2; or phone (416) 635-2883.

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Second woman to assume post

Stringer heads Hamilton Jewish Federation

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Andrea Stringer has been elected president of the Hamilton Jewish Federation, the second woman to assume the post in the 51 years of the HJF and its predecessor organizations.

In a congratulatory telegram from her home in Florida, the first woman Millie State, the 1961-62 president of the Council of Jewish Organizations, told Stringer "I have waited a long time for this moment.

"You have shown by your years of outstanding service thus far that you will be a most efficient leader and a credit to Jewish women in particular and to Israel as well."

Former UJA women's division campaign chairman and past vice-chairman of UIA Ontario Region women's division, Stringer took over from Leslie Pasis at the recent combined HJF and JCC annual meeting.

Proposals outlined by Stringer in her acceptance speech include:

• The establishment "of a body which will have a formal connection to the federation, consisting of many of our outstanding leaders of the past who still have so much to give in our effort to continue to enhance the quality of Jewish life in Hamilton;

• Preparation of a code of personnel practices;

• The re-establishment of the Council on Jewish Education as a federation committee;

• The establishment of a community planning committee consisting of "representatives of all community agencies and organizations for the purpose of co-ordinating community activities and actions."

In his review of the past year, outgoing president Pasis noted particularly the establishment at last of the long planned Endowment Foundation and the creation of a special Five-Year Task force committee under the co-chairmanship of past president Jack Brown and John Ross.

Program chairman Dr. Michael Sherman, a past HJF president and former UJA campaign chairman, praised the Federation and JCC boards for their efforts over the past years to rebuild "major community organizations to the point where they are re-assuming their proper place . . . as the central bodies and central address for our Jewish community life."

HJF and JCC executive director Sid Brail told the assembly: "We are well on the way to taking some quantum leaps in establishing Hamilton's Jewish community as a singular viable entity in which all of the forces work together as one."

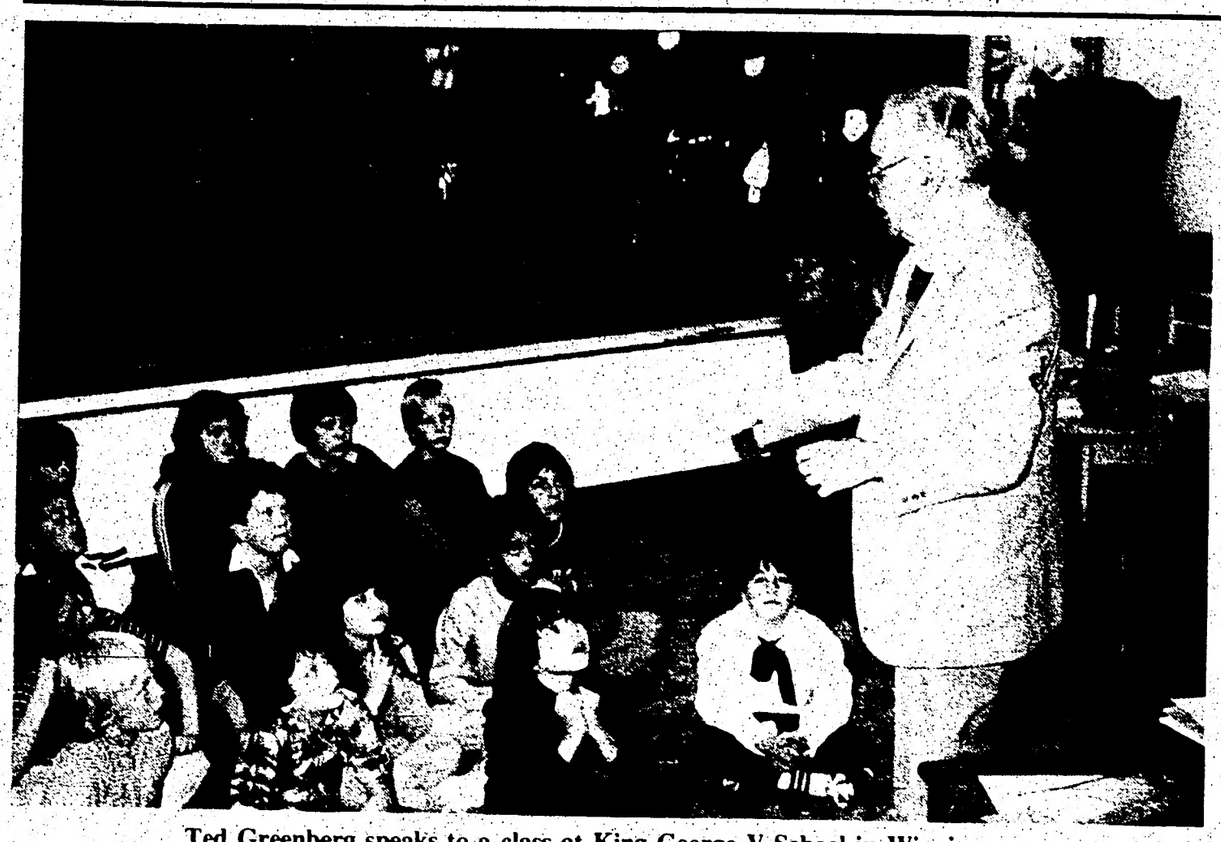
Harvey Waxman, who continues as president of the JCC, spoke of his dream of a new building in the heart of the Jewish community and his hope of making the JCC "not just the Jewish community centre but the centre of the Jewish community."

Speaking on behalf of UJA campaign chairman Stephen Yanover, vice-chairman Mel Gunn reported on the "huge success of the 1985" campaign, while co-chairmen Pearl Enkin and Sylvia Klein were presented with special awards for their leadership of the most successful campaign ever held by the women's division.

Guest speaker Shira Herzog Bessin, national executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee, outlined the work of the CIC and spoke of the importance of participation by the Jewish community in the political process of Canada.

In addition to Andrea Stringer, new HJF board members include Phil Leon, chairman of the board; Mel Gunn, Alan Livingston and John Ross, vice-presidents; Abe Szpirglas, secretary and Bill Halpern, personnel and finance.

The JCC board, in addition to Harvey Waxman, includes Nancy Katz and Norman Williams, vice-presidents; Gayle Kepecs, secretary and Archie Lieberman, treasurer.



Ted Greenberg speaks to a class at King George V School in Winnipeg.

Popular in Winnipeg schools

Kids love senior's stories

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Ted Greenberg, 73, is one of the star performers in a program that brings senior citizens, representing a wide range of backgrounds, into Manitoba schools to tell students about what used to be and/or what it means to be old, widowed or handicapped.

In fact, he was the 3-year-old Seniors-in-the-Schools program's first recruit and still one of its most popular speakers.

Greenberg has always been a people-oriented guy. After retiring as manager of a fabric department, he quickly threw himself into action among Winnipeg's Jewish seniors.

"I probably needed some direction after retirement," he said. "I had a friend, Fred Narvey, who suggested I come down to the YMHA's senior citizens program. Now Fred wouldn't steer me wrong so I went and I liked what I saw. Before I knew it, I was president of the Stay Young Club."

Greenberg also became a frequent visitor to Jewish shut-ins in hospitals and nursing homes, always eliciting smiles of delight with his stories. One of his goals however was to bring together seniors and young people. He believes seniors can show younger people how to enjoy life. Enter Seniors-in-the-School.

"We've had some great responses from kids," said Greenberg. "Kids are hungry for history. They want to know what kids studied 70 years ago, what kind of underwear we used to wear, how we got to school.

"One student asked me if I needed a compass to find my school since we had no roads. I haven't been to school yet where the students haven't asked me to come back. The kids don't want to go home at 3.30 when I'm speaking."

Originally intended to be half-hour talks, the programs have been extended to half-days. What holds students' attention is the fact that Greenberg and the other speakers in the program represent a living history of Manitoba and elsewhere, complemented by an ever-growing catalogue of visual supplements.

"We are always on the lookout for pictures of school life of years ago, students' clothing, school activities," said Greenberg. "We got a slew of stuff after I appeared on a local radio talk show."

Greenberg's increasing demand as a public speaker has meant he has had to give up most of his earlier visiting. His speaking schedule has developed to the point where it is almost a full-time job. He and his wife, Esther, will however be taking some time out in February to visit his large family in Toronto.

Then it will be back to work. . . . "Then there was the pot-bellied stoves . . . and real blackboards . . . and wooden sidewalks. . . ."

Women urged to change

By
DAVID PIERSON

TORONTO — It takes a lot more than just the opportunity for women to succeed in today's society, Senator Anne Cools told a recent luncheon held at the JCC Bloor branch.

"It's fine to say that women have more career opportunities now than they have ever had but women themselves have to want to take advantage of them and unfortunately a lot of them don't," Cools said.

Cools drew a parable between today's woman and a bird in a cage who is suddenly set free.

"The owner may feel good abut setting the bird free but what if the bird returns to the cage because of the security it offers, which is often the case with today's woman."

In her 20 years of social work and as a founding member of Women in Transition, a shelter for battered wives, Cools said she found time and again women were imbued with the notion that men are the protectors and providers and that somebody would look after them.

This "Cinderella" complex was never more evident, Cools said, as when the royal wedding took place and women said in a poll that if they had a choice they'd most like to be Princess Diana.

"When I worked at the centre we prepared lists of what these women wanted the most. And it turned out that the thing they wanted the most wasn't even on the list. It was jewelry," Cools said.

Cools concluded her speech by saying that if women are to become truly equal with men fundamental changes must be made in society's thinking about women's role in society.

"When I worked at the centre the constant refrain I heard from women was 'I want to be happy.'

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Steinberg: need for structure, administration, continuity

UIA Ontario Region head stresses organization

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Judge David Steinberg is the second Hamiltonian in a row to serve as chairman of UIA Ontario Region and since he succeeded Samuel Taylor last November, he's been busy visiting smaller Jewish communities in the province.

His function is mainly organizational and "to make sure that each of our small communities, to the best extent possible, is structured," he explained in a recent interview.

As 1983 and 1984 UJA campaign chairman, and vice-chairman the two previous years, Steinberg succeeded in turning Hamilton's sagging campaign around and putting it firmly back on an upward course. It was essentially a matter of education and now he intends to "translate my Hamilton experience into the Ontario situation — which is more difficult because it's so widespread."

Structure, administration and continuity are "very, very important" in running a successful campaign, he says. In addition to the traditional canvasser categories, Hamilton now has missions, educational and collection committees and working on them creates greater camaraderie and increased enthusiasm.

And there must also be "some sort of informal partnership between UIA and the smaller communities," he stresses.

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Judge David Steinberg

where they suffer from anti-semitism and to settle them in Israel "or wherever they want to go," Steinberg said. "Essentially, what we're doing is buying Jewish freedom and Jewish life."

What motivated him to become active in UIA, he said, "was the very good relationship I had always had with my grandmother."

Steinberg's maternal grandmother came to Canada in 1905 from Lithuania "and I always think that if it hadn't been for her, I wouldn't be here. Because she gave me the chance to live here, I think we should give others the same chance."

A native of Hamilton, Steinberg graduated from the University of Western Ontario Law School in 1963, was called to the bar in 1965 and when he was appointed to the Ontario provincial court (family division) in 1969, he became the youngest judge at the age of 31.

In 1977 he was appointed judge of the Unified Family Court. He is a member of the Attorney-General's Rules Committee of the Ontario family courts, consultant to the Federal Law Reform Commission, Family Law Project and a past president of the Provincial Judges' Association of Ontario.

As well, he is active on numerous committees concerned with family matters, troubled children and adolescents, has written and lectured extensively and is an associate professor of psychiatry on the faculty of the McMaster University Medical School, where he conducts a seminar program on family law.

He is also a past president of Beth Jacob Synagogue and of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation in Hamilton.

For relaxation, Steinberg tramps the surrounding countryside with his cameras. An award-winning amateur photographer, he has shown his work in local exhibitions and also took hundreds of photos while on a UIA mission to Israel some years ago. And he is looking forward to taking his camera again when he visits Hungary and Israel with the forthcoming UIA Mission in March.

Steinberg and his wife Cecile, a psychometrist at McMaster, have two daughters, Ellen and Tima.

Competence, not omnipotence

MD warns on expectations

Says the patients must also consider doctor's side

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO — The improvements in medical techniques over the last few decades have caused changes in patient expectations and doctor-patient relationships, the former chief of family practice at North York Branson Hospital says.

Sanitization, immunization, proper nutrition and the development of sulfa drugs and antibiotics changed the role of the physician from simply comforter to curer in many cases, says Dr. Jack Genesove.

Speaking on a Patient's Rights versus a Doctor's Privileges, Genesove told his audience: "Before, people accepted death and tragedy as a natural thing. They didn't think their doctor was God."

Today our expectations are greater, he said. Today, patients consider their medical rights to include availability, understanding, respect for privacy, and competence.

But, he emphasized to the almost 70 people attending the meeting (sponsored by the Entertainment and Cultural Connection and held at Congregation Shaarei Shomayim), doctors also have some legitimate expectations.

The old-time patient treated his or her physician with respect; this individual "didn't doctor shop, didn't jump into six different offices," Genesove said.

A patient has the right to expect competence, but not omnipotence, said the veteran physician who has practiced for about 45 years.

He added that while patients also have the right to sue a doctor for improper care, the tendency to seek a legal remedy is increasingly becoming a "bit of a problem," for the medical profession.

Among the privileges of the doctor, Genesove said, were the right to practice within limits of competence; to be selective about who he/she treats; to be judged by professional peers; and the right to a decent life.

"When I started medicine, it was a clear expectation that your patient had to come before your family.

"There is a feeling among the younger graduates that their lifestyle is important too, and though I have mixed feelings about it I can understand it."

Commenting on the proposed Health Care Accessibility Act, Genesove, who maintains OHIP fee schedules, said he feared the legislation would make the health care system "inflexible."

"I like the system where people paid a percentage because it was a check on me," Genesove said, adding that those who could not pay could be exempt from additional charges.

Following his presentation, Genesove said that he does not fear the doctor-patient relationship will become a purely economic association.

It will never be treatment solely by bedside manner, Genesove said, "but you are going to get a more humanistic approach back," he predicted.

Now on the staff at Branson, and advisory physician to Cheltenham Nursing Home, Genesove has been a chairman of the medical care and practice committee, and chairman of the nursing home committee of the Ontario Medical Association.

He was also at one time an alderman for the city of Moose Jaw, Sask., and president of the Moose Jaw Hebrew Academy.

The programs of the Entertainment and Cultural Connection are organized by Jerry and Sandra Genesove, and aimed at singles in the Jewish community. The "connection" has offered different events monthly for about a year at Shaarei Shomayim.

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Behavioral problems in children

Toughlove stresses rules, limits, boundaries

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

What do you do when you learn your 15-year-old son is selling drugs and is ignoring all pleas to stop?

Or when your 13-year-old daughter yells and "demands" you sign a note to her teacher explaining she was ill and couldn't do her homework, when you know that wasn't the case.

For too long parents were at their wits end trying to cope with their children's inappropriate, and even illegal behavior, often giving in to their unreasonable demands, says Marla Kelman, the Toronto-based president of the Ontario Association of Parent Support Groups, Using Toughlove (PSG).

But with the genesis in Canada during the last six years of PSGs, parents now have somewhere to turn for advice, comfort and support — to hear they are not alone in the problems they face.

The advice parents receive from the groups emphasizes imposing rules, limits and boundaries. Though not the explicit credo of PSG, these watchwords capture a key aspect of the philosophy directing the relatively new and growing organization.

Marla Kelman

Eschewing the "rescue the child," give in, approach adopted by many parents faced with behavioral problems in their offspring, the PSG advocates using "toughlove" — love tempered with discipline.

Kelman, a mother of three herself, says she prefers to use the term "painful love" to illustrate the consequences to the parent, as well as the child, of the application of the toughlove philosophy.

"It's painful to say 'no' to a kid, it's tough," she concedes. But at the same time it's necessary to apply rules and restrictions to illustrate there are "bounds" and "consequences" to behavior.

For parents who have been used to giving in to their children's demands and rule-breaking in the past, support from a group of their peers can make the transition to practicing toughlove easier, Kelman says.

Parent Support Groups meet weekly, and a group can consist of from 15-50 parents. There are more than 100 PSGs in Canada, with two in Montreal and 11 in the Toronto-Hamilton-Dundas area, Kelman says.

The PSG in which she participates meets at the Jewish Community Centre, which supplies them with two large meeting rooms. The location might be considered auspicious, since according to Kelman, more than 35% of the members of that group on average are Jewish.

Jacque Foesier, the director of the Koffler Centre School of Dance and a member of PSG, puts the figure for the Willowdale group as high as 80% Jewish, though they agree there is a wide range of ethnic groups represented, as well as socio-economic classes and occupations.

The family situations described by parents can be jolting. Stories of children cashing in the family's silverware, taking groceries and selling them for cash to pay for drugs, dealing in drugs, verbally abusing parents and even threatening physical abuse of parents, major truancy, violations of curfew and treating parents as if they were "innkeepers," are some of the more severe problems described by 25-30% of the parents in a typical group says Kelman.

Some children are "street people" and can be found in the hostels in downtown Toronto, Kelman adds.

Michael Knight, director of public relations at Covenant House, a downtown crisis intervention centre for 16-21-year-olds, agrees that Jewish kids make use of the centre.

Though he says CH did not begin to catalogue computer statistics on religious background until recently, he estimates roughly 3-4%, or 150 of the 4,000 young people who go through the centre's doors in a given year are Jewish.

Over at the Central Toronto Youth Services, a centre which works with "extremely difficult cases," executive director Grant Lowery says his unscientific "impression" is that when comparing the ratio of Jews in the general population to the number involved in CTYS, "Jews are probably underrepresented."

Though Jewish kids do present "difficult cases" — drug abuse centred around cocaine and hashish seems to be one of the more salient ones — other problems can be children from 21-30 "who still behave like 14-year-olds," Kelman says, adding PSG deals with children from 12-30.

Jacque Foesier, himself a parent who was "very concerned" with a rebellious 13-year-old son several years ago, vouches for the effectiveness of the PSG in helping parents feel "you're not alone."

"One thing we do, if parents can't deal with the situation, is have someone come in to arbitrate," Foesier says. Two people will interview the parents and child and try to come up with an amicable solution to the problem.

But underlying the solutions the parents might arrive at in "brainstorming" sessions is the principle that the children should be responsible for his/her own behavior.

Foesier suggested that if a child is arrested, "let him sweat it out for a while, see there are consequences to their acts."

A different approach for a 13-year-old who consistently violated curfew was to lock her out. She was given the address and permission to sleep at another toughlove parent's home that night, says a paper on toughlove prepared for a university behavioral studies course.

PSG also makes use of community resources like churches, schools, public agencies and the police.

Some professionals dealing with behavioral problems with children object to aspects of the approach adopted by PSG. While many agree that children should be brought up knowing there are limits to behavior, they add that suddenly imposing severe limits during the teen years can be counterproductive.

Says John LaPorta, director of children's services at Jewish Family & Child Service, "I think it becomes troublesome when that (imposing discipline) hasn't occurred and parents lay on limits."

Children are already more prone to rebellion at that age, he noted, and sudden imposition of discipline can trigger a reaction in the children exacerbating the problem.

"It's necessary," he added, "but parents have to be helped in how and where to apply the limits."

LaPorta, who says Kelman has been invited to discuss PSG with JF & CS supervisors and management staff, says his knowledge of PSG is limited. JF & CS is "always looking for input in terms of planning and services" to help determine how we can serve the needs of the community," he says.

While acknowledging limited knowledge of PSG, LaPorta says its idea of support by parents for each other is "excellent," and he could see "value" in using friends and concerned parents as a "resource" in solving problems.

Parents who participate in PSG are expected to, in turn, act as resources for other parents in need of support, Kelman notes, and not leave the group when they're particular problem is solved.

Kelman adds that a corollary activity of PSG is lobbying for changes the Young Offenders Act and Bill 77, which deals with changes to child welfare legislation. Kelman notes the bill affects parents' ability to retain control over their child's behavior and disciplining.

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Appeal for funds issued to save Or Hamaraav

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

An appeal for funds has gone out to Toronto's Jewish community to help save the Or Hamaraav Sephardic Centre, which was closed recently and put up for sale because it was behind in its mortgage payments [CJN, Jan. 23].

The centre's closure left 24 full- and part-time members of the Noah's Ark day care centre, which was in the Sephardic centre, without day care.

As of last week, parents of the children who attended Noah's Ark, a full-service, kosher facility, were puzzled and angry that the day care centre was shut without warning and that the centre's rabbi, Leon Edery, was unavailable to explain.

A sheriff's notice posted on the doors of the building at 2939 Bathurst St. ordered the centre vacated as of noon, Jan. 13 and named as defendants Edery and his brother Abraham Edery, who is a rabbi at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Last week, Leon Edery contacted The CJN to offer his side of the story.

Edery explained the congregation was started in 1971 in a bungalow at the current site with a membership of 150 families. In 1979, the house was torn down to make way for the current building, which housed a synagogue, adult classes, a youth centre and the day care centre.

But in 1979, Edery said, interest rates were high and the congregation financed the building's $395,000 price tag with a 14.75% mortgage, meaning monthly payments came to $6,055. "We just couldn't afford it," Edery noted.

The membership dwindled (current estimates range from 30 people to 85 families) and the payments became more and more difficult to make, Edery said.

He added the centre is a non-profit organization and that he was never paid as rabbi. His income was derived mainly from giving bar mitzvah lessons and performing weddings and funerals.

Edery said the centre is in debt to the tune of $450,000.

"I feel very strongly the Jewish community should participate to redeem the building," he added.

So far, the congregation has raised some cash and pledges but Edery estimates $125,000 is needed right away to reclaim the centre, which is now under power of sale by Regional Trust Co., the holder of the mortgage.

A power of sale means the centre is sold and the mortgage holder's costs reclaimed. So far, though, the property has not been listed or appraised.

As for the Noah's Ark day care centre, Edery said it would be reopened if the centre is redeemed. In addition, he is offering parents three weeks' worth of free day care if the building can be saved. Noah's Ark operated independently of the rest of the centre and paid no rent to Or Hamaraav but received no government assistance. Parents paid up to $85 per child per week.

Many of the parents who spoke to The CJN said they only found out about the centre's closure at the last minute. Edery said he found out about the notice to vacate on a Wednesday but didn't want to alarm parents, thinking he could renegotiate with Regional Trust to allow Noah's Ark to stay open.

Edery said the trust company said no and the centre was closed on the following Friday, leaving five staffers unemployed.

As well, many parents said their children had belongings at the centre which they never reclaimed.

Edery assured that the belongings, such as winter clothes and toys, are all in storage and can be reclaimed anytime.

As well, any parent who prepaid for day care prior to the closure is entitled to a refund, he added.

In any case, contributions may be made out to Or Hamaraav in Trust, c/o 2515 Bathurst St., apt. 510, Toronto, M0B 2Z1. Rabbi Edery may be reached at 783-9155.

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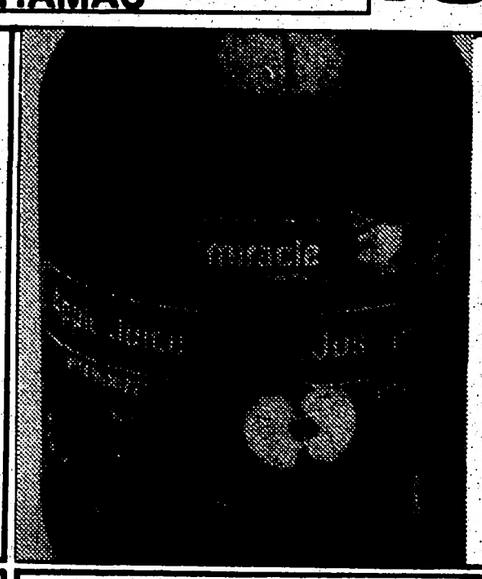

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Fashion

Styling important for right look

Being well-groomed doesn't have to be hair-raising

By
SAUL KORMAN

When asked, most people would say my area of expertise lies in the realm of men's clothing, and they'd be right.

But implicity in the words "good grooming" are a host of other factors only vaguely related to wardrobe — things like correct posture, well cared-for nails and teeth, and attractively styled hair.

The way a man wears his hair has a direct bearing on how that man is perceived.

To begin with, a man must take stock of his own face, candidly acknowledging its weaknesses as well as its strengths.

If it is a round face, then perhaps the hair should be styled up — short on the sides and full at the top, to emphasize length.

Conversely, if it is a long face, hair should be a little fuller on the sides, to add necessary volume.

Things like receding chins or short upper lips can be disguised by beards and mustaches.

One's body height must be taken into account as well, especially with shorter men who, like myself, might opt for a light perm to aid in the illusion of tallness.

Next, the decision has to be made as to where to get one's hair done.

Barbershops are still with us, of course; and in addition, there are the options of unisex hair salons and full-service "spas."

Using the rule of thumb that you get what you pay for, I'd say go with the spa stylist, if this is at all within your means.

You're much less likely to be clipped within an inch of your scalp, or blow-dried to plastic perfection — and to my mind the money will be well-spent, if you're truly serious about improving appearances.

Now a word abaout that bane of male existence — baldness. While I think it's agreed that it's better not to be bald, no one can deny that baldness is a fact of life and, as such, should be dealt with squarely.

It's of no use growing your hair out on the sides then trailing it over the top, as everyone will still know you're bald, and there'll be that added discomfort of fearing high winds and swimming pools.

Besides which, this style indicates that a man is dissatisfied with the way he looks — a sure sign of inner weakness and vanity.

Then again, the man who allows his side hair to grow past his shirt collar is making too obvious and effort to prove that there is at least some hair left on his head.

The options of hairweaves, transplants, toupees, and other such coverups are best left to individual discretion.

A man might even decide to face facts and go bald as gracefully as possible — with a cropped haircut and perhaps a touch of mousse at times, to thicken up remaining roots.

Advantages to this choice is that the expense, bother, and occasional humiliation attendant upon wearing a toupee or getting a transplant will be someone else's worry.

People will also realize you're secure about yourself and the way you look — and that's the true secret of "good grooming": the acquisition of personal confidence.

(Fashion authority Saul Korman reports regularly to The CJN on current fashion trends. Korman is president of Korry's Clothiers To Gentlemen, in Toronto.)

Thin, fair hair is best layered. Add in mousse and blow-dry for extra body.

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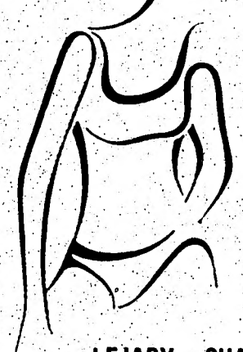

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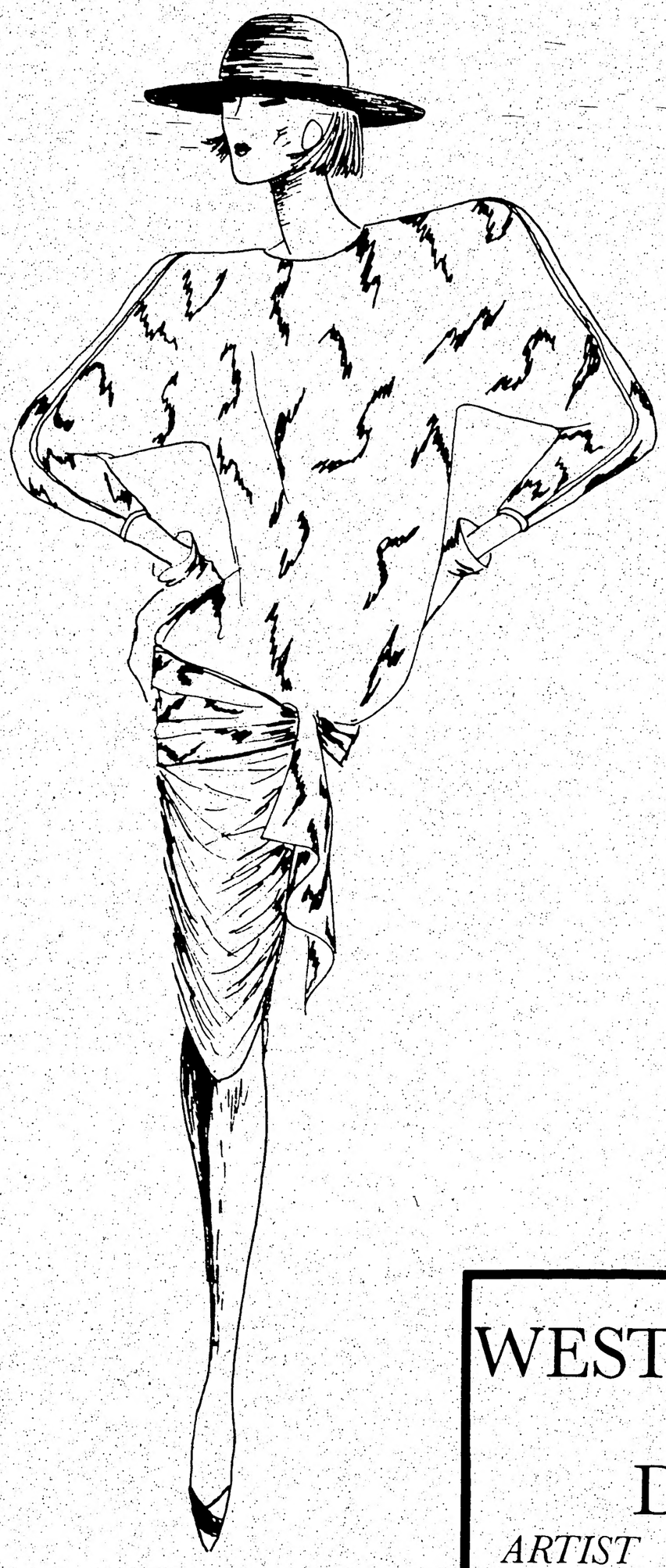
Clothes for the active woman

Young Parisian designer finds success in Canada



Claude Saint-Louis eveningwear.

By
LORI SMITH

Elegance is the byword of any design by Claude Saint-Louis, a young Parisian designer who has made his home in Toronto.

Ben Liebman, owner of Ben Liebman Frocks Ltd., the company that has the exclusive rights to the manufacture of Saint-Louis' designs, says that the young designer, who worked as an assistant to American celebrity-entertainment designer Bob Mackie (remember Cher), has created a line for the active woman that includes such diverse items as classic, tailored linens and ultra-dramatic but understated evening dresses.

Saint-Louis' collection, which is showing for the first time in Canada, includes a red chiffon dress with a draped neckline, satin-look trim and cumberband; a chiffon evening dress dramatically opened in the back with huge flowing sleeves and a shorter, draped and wrapped skirt, and white and black daytime/cruise dresses that emphasis the waist and prints.

Liebman says that Saint-Louis has one particularly dramatic dress; a red dress with beaded detailing and a feather boa to accompany it.

Saint-Louis' line, which is currently available in elegant boutiques and some department stores across Canada, has approximately 40 pieces in it.

In the future the designer hopes to introduce a complete collection of accessories, jewelry and perfume

Norma Peterson expands

Designer opens boutiques

Norma Peterson, the designer behind the "smart T-shirt dressing" concept has embarked on a new direction — retailing — in the past six months.

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Arts

Theatres pull out the stops

Sheer nonsense will help banish the winter blahs

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
It's crazy time again.

It's that time of year when theatre producers resort to slap-happy camp and caricatures in a desperate attempt to attract audiences suffering from the February blahs.

Three productions, purveying escapist *mishigas* with varying degrees of success, are currently playing around town.

Here's an evaluation of the trio to aid theatregoers determined to banish the winter blues by subjecting themselves to an evening of sheer nonsense.

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The Desert Song, scheduled to run at the Bayview Playhouse until May 1, is so fluffy a piece of musical fluff it almost vanishes before your eyes.

Originally, it was an operetta that charmed audiences when it premiered on Broadway in 1926, with music by Sigmund Romberg and book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II and Otto Harbach.

Unfortunately, under the heavy hands of Shaw Festival director Christopher Newton, who has "adapted" it for today's audiences, the lush tunes have been converted into shmaltz and its fanciful romance bludgeoned into a hokey, camped-up mishmash.

Even 60 years ago, the story line was flimsy as gossamer, depending on stylish acting to make it believable. It's set in a sort of Ruritarian French military post in the Moroccan desert, and the romance involves a moony-eyed heroine (a prim, aristocratic Parisienne) and a hero masquerading in two roles (a butterfly-catching wimp by day; and by night, the swashbuckling masked outlaw, Red Shadow).

Instead of accepting this makebelieve on its own larky terms, Newton makes his cast lampoon it. The result is like a bad storyteller constantly nudging the listener with his elbow and exclaiming, "Isn't this side-splittingly funny?"

To make it worse, Newton has injected his own contemporary side-splitters that are more jarring than amusing. The gag lines include references to a rebel Berber band that is "bigger than Count Basie's" and a sultan's palace that's larger than "Casa Loma."

To be fair, some of the performers have managed to overcome these misbegotten intrusions and elicited humor from their parodied roles. I particularly liked Calla Krause, playing a bejeweled harem temptress like a dazzle of slink; Rod Campbell playing a villainous captain as though he were a Brillantined leer; and Jo-Anne Kirwan Clark playing a blonde dimwit with a very funny screech.

Sum up: Nelson Eddy, where are you? This hoked-up melange, neither fish, nor fowl nor Romberg, needs a lead like you who can play it straight.

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Ladies' Night (In A Turkish Bath), playing until April 12 at the Variety Dinner Theatre, is an old warhorse of a farce first produced in the 1940s.

Though somewhat spavined and knock-kneed and creaky, it's still durable enough to provoke an astonishing number of belly laughs.

Its durability is largely due to the rib-tickling art of that droll farce meister, Tom Kneebone, and a plot that's hoary with age yet eternally funny because of its risque mixup of the sexes.

Set in New York City in 1947, the Cyrus Wood comedy concerns Kneebone as a girl-shy zoology professor who fails to fall for the wiles of his bookish young student, Dodie, and her matchmaking relatives.

While the women folk retreat in a snit to Betty's Beauty Spa, the men take the professor under hand to the infamous Roman Revels Bath House in an attempt to help him overcome his bashfulness.

The fun begins when the cops raid the bath house and the men escape by sneaking into the women's spa, which is, of course, right across the road.

Kneebone is thus given the opportunity to masquerade as a woman, and his drag act as the Spanish-speaking Juanita, fluttering her fan and her eyebrows with equal dexterity, is very funny indeed.

Stratford director Ed Stephenson ably guides the supporting cast through their draping and undraping shenanigans. And the period jokes — referring to Baby Snooks, Shirley Temple, the Stork Club and the Copacabana — are delivered with the oldfashioned respect they deserve.

I particularly enjoyed the wisecrack aimed by one of the women at the blonde floozy as sexily played by June Garba: "If her skirt got shorter than that she'd have chapped hips."

Sum up: It's a Turkish banquet of bountiful laughter that justly merits the 1940s slang expression of approval, "Hubba! Hubba! Hubba!"

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Part II: History Of The Village Of The Small Huts, playing at Theatre Passe Muraille until Feb. 16, is supposed to be taken seriously as a satirical view of the birth of Canada.

Toronto playwright-director Michael Hollingsworth has described it as a pageant exposing the "fiendish goings-on" beneath the smooth facades of our official history text books.

And he expresses his contempt for our history in the first act of his play through the stiff upper lip of a British general who arrives in Canada and scathingly calls it the land of "beavers, bears and barbarians."

An irreverent dramatization of Canada's birth pangs might well prove to be entertaining theatre, but sad to say, this is not.

As depicted by Hollingsworth, our British, French and Indian forefathers were all a pack of Punch cartoons, grotesques from Madame Tussuad's Waxworks, a bunch of butcherers and buffoons, scoundrels and savages.

We cannot identify with a single one of the 100-odd characters who briefly hold the spotlight on the Theatre Passe Muraille's starkly shadowed stage. And it's incredible to comprehend why Part I of this ludicrous charade last year received no less than four Dora Award nominations.

Sum up: A sophomoronic pastiche of caricatures that only the most *meshugena* of escapists could enjoy.

Tom Kneebone, centre, masquerading as a Spanish senorita, startles Allison MacLeod (left) and Pamela Shilton in Ladies' Night (In A Turkish Bath).

Hannah and her Sisters
Woody Allen at his best

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Woody Allen's *Hannah and her Sisters*, is his most fully realized film since *Annie Hall* and *Manhattan*.

Hannah and her Sisters, which he has written, directed and stars in, serves up familiar, but wholly satisfying, themes and characters. At once a hilarious comedy and a brooding melodrama, it is vintage Allen.

Composed of beautifully meshed vignettes, and supported by a busy score combining American big band music with German classics, Hannah and her Sisters is set in Allen's quintessential locale, New York City.

The film, as the title suggests, turns on the lives of three very urban, if not very chic, women.

Hannah (Mia Farrow), married and extraordinarily domesticated, has found bliss after a career as an actress. Lee (Barbara Hershey), the youngest, is nothing but an appendage of Frederick (Max von Sydow), an arid and temperamental artist who loves her dearly. Holly (Dianne Wiest), the oldest, is a cocaine-sniffing failed actress desperately in search of a man with whom she can be happy.

Hannah, a rock of stability and a fount of unadulterated goodness, is still friendly with her ex-husband, Mickey (Woody Allen), a nebbish TV producer. Hannah's current husband, Elliot (Michael Caine), loves and appreciates her, but he has his eye on Lee. Holly, meanwhile, longs for a serious relationship with David, an architect who enjoys cruising the city showing her monumental buildings.

The plot thickens when Elliot, an affluent accountant, works up the nerve to throw himself at Lee. Despite her closeness to Hannah, Lee responds to Elliot's romantic overtures.

Elliot wants an affair because Hannah doesn't stimulate him and because he has fallen for Lee. She makes no pretense at resisting. Frederick, her live-in lover and intellectual mentor, has stifled her. She feels suffocated by his overbearing ways.

Spurred on by his passions, Elliot starts his extramarital liaison with Lee on a strong note, but his ardor dissipates and his confusion mounts as he gradually realizes he cannot leave Hannah.

Mickey fits into this picture of controlled chaos seamlessly by virtue of his still viable relations with Hannah and Holly. Jewish to the core, Mickey is a worrier par excellence. A hypochondriac, he worries about illnesses, real and imagined. A neurotic, he ponders the meaning of life.

Seeking contentment and peace of mind, Mickey, in a series of brilliant sketches, consults doctors and a Roman Catholic priest to assuage his fear of mortality.

Allen, in his whining New York Jewish accent, is perfectly at home in this role, for he has been there before in Manhattan and Annie Hall. But Hannah and her Sisters, while drawing generously on these films, is hardly a plagiarization.

In Hannah and her Sisters, which opens this week at Cineplex Odeon theatres, Allen again explores the fickle, tormenting and exalting nature of relationships and the frailty of human beings in confusing situations. And with the metaphor of Auschwitz as a backdrop, he speculates on the infinite evil man is capable of. Allen pokes fun at organized religion by ingeniously using a loaf of bland Wonder bread as an apt symbol.

Hannah and her Sisters is peopled with New Yorkers who've been exposed to hardships and joys, and who still take pleasure in discovering the simpler things in life.

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Author deals with the complex subject of friends

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Just Friends, by Lillian B. Rubin. Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $22.95.

A Yiddish proverb insists that friends are needed both for joy and for sorrow. A philosopher confided, "you can read Kant by yourself if you want; but you must share a joke with someone else." Aristotle described friendship as a "single soul dwelling in two bodies." President Harry Truman quipped, "If you want a friend for life, get a dog."

Lillian Rubin, a California psychologist interviewed 300 men and women and asked them to name one good friend. When she followed up on the persons mentioned she found that most of them did not reciprocate the feeling. It would seem that we pay lip service to friendship, but don't really know who our friends are.

The author makes clear that people have changing needs throughout their lifetime so that we have friends and "just" friends, old friends, and new friends, good friends and best friends — each relationship meeting some part of ourselves that cries out for expression.

Men and women differ in their attitude toward friends because of an inevitable decision that must be made in early childhood. When a girl separates from her mother the break is not as sharp or as extensive as that of a boy. He has to establish his identity as a male, an elaborate process that often makes intimacy with others difficult. Sometimes it leads to problems of self-identity and emotional maturity.

When the author asked the question, "Who would you turn to if you came home one night and your wife (husband/lover) announced she (he) was leaving you? . . . Almost always women had an answer that came readily to mind and tongue. But hearing the same question most men sat in an uneasy silence for a long time and then indicated that there was no friend they could name."

The manner in which men and women use the telephone is symbolic with the difference between them, in relation to friendship. For a man a telephone is an instrument of communication. Plagued by the phone all day at work, he considers it an enemy by the time he comes home at night. For a woman, however, "it's a welcome social tool, an opportunity for a visit with a friend when none other is possible. A phone call is a substitute for the face-to-face encounter that time or distance will not permit." This generalization is open to question. Is it true for working women?

Marriage offers its own special problems where friends are concerned. The author concludes, "Friends serve both marriage and the individual well. In relation to the marriage, they fill the gaps that a mate, no matter how loving and loved, cannot fill. In relation to the individual, friends support a much needed sense of separateness, help each person to retain an independent sense of self and identity."

Carefully chosen anecdotes, case histories and personal disclosures by the author add interest and meaning to this study which integrates sociology with psychology to provide a valuable book on a complex subject.

Sephardi service praised

Hats off to Holy Blossom

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

Of five major Toronto synagogue Shabbat Shira presentations, Holy Blossom Temple's musical service deserves special coverage because of its intent: To acquaint one of North America's largest Reform congregations with a Sephardi service.

The effort was highly worthy. Painstaking scholarship by composer-conductor - musicologist Richard Neumann, formerly director of music education for New York's Board of Jewish Education, has resulted in a service consisting of indigenous Hebraic, Babylonian, Italian-Renaissance and other Mediterranean-Sephardi folk-influenced components.

Most of the prayers in contrast to both Ashkenazi and Yemenite melodies are major key. The one highly significant exception to this rule was surprisingly, the Kiddush, which is the sole melody fitting the usual pre-conception of minor-key oriental-Judaic free-form cantillation.

Also significant was the major-key redemptive quality of the Kaddish, a Sephardi chant from Turkey arranged by Neumann.

Of the other standard prayers, particular mention should be made of the uplifting opening Yom Gila (Sephardi Song of Joy), the arrangement of the Babylonian-originated cantillation Mi Chamocha by the noted Yiddishist composer Max Helfman, the beautiful lyrical romantic melody of the Jerusalem originated Hashkiveinu, and the fast, joyous Yismchu.

Purists, with good reason, would have objected to the infusion of standard Ashkenazi musical settings to the Shema Israel and the Aleinu which are part of the regular Holy Blossom service. Unless this service was meant to blend both Ashkenazi and Sephardi traditions, which it was not, existing Sephardi treatments of those two key prayers would have been far more appropriate.

The instrumentation was provided by oboist Wendy Humber, cellist Esther Gartner and guitarist Robert Feuerstein, who accompanied Cantor Benjamin Maissner, the Temple Choir, and the Temple Singers together with pianist-conductor Douglas Bodle.

Verbose explanations resulted in boredom. By the time Maissner got to the final few songs in the post-service segment, his voice was strained. Another narrator or, better still, more extensive printed program notes, would have made his task easier and thus more enlightening for the audience.

One must wonder why, with the Canadian Sephardic Federation convention taking place at Petah Tikvah Anshe Castilla that same weekend, there was no visible attempt to integrate the Holy Blossom service into it, especially in view of the fact that the convention apparently, had no musical segment of its own.

Film about corrupt cops filled with thrills, chills

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

FX, which opens this week in Cineplex Odeon theatres, is clever, amusing and vastly entertaining.

A film within-a-film directed by Robert Mandel, FX is about the ultimate crime caper and corrupt cops. The action rarely lets up, and the ensuing thrills and chills make this ideal escapist fare.

FX, whose essentially lighthearted script was written by Robert Megginson and Gregory Fleeman, revolves around Rollie (Bryan Brown), an Australian special effects artist who lives and works in New York City. Rollie, who takes great pride in his craftsmanship, is offered a chilling assignmment by the U.S. justice department. If he fakes the killing of a witness, a well-placed Mafia informer, he will collect $30,000.

The feds want him because Rollie is so adept at creating illusions in the films in which he has worked. Lipton, a justice department agent, approaches him on a movie set minutes after he has engineered an artfully-conceived scene of havoc for a forthcoming scene. Lipton, pretending to be an independent producer, sets up an appointment with him for the following day.

Lipton reveals his true identity and makes his proposal. Rollie is hesitant. He does not want to cross the line between makebelieve and reality. He grows even more wary after Lipton's boss, Col. Mason (Mason Adams), asks him to be the actual hitman.

If only out of professional pride, Rollie succumbs to their entreaties. He lives to regret his involvement in their convoluted plot.

After he learns he is dealing with two rogue cops who intend to "tie up loose ends" by eliminating him, Rollie panics. He finds temporary sanctuary in his girlfriend's apartment, but when this fails him he devises a plan to get even with his tormentors.

He does so by using his guile, his brawn and his bag of uproarious special effects tricks. Meanwhile, unbeknown to Rollie, McCarthy (Brian Dennhey), a local policeman who smells corruption, becomes embroiled in the case.

FX, which is taut and fast-moving, rivets a viewer's attention, but also, sometimes unintentionally, elicits laughs and chuckles.

Bryan Brown, who appeared in the popular TV series, *The Thorn Birds*, is a definite asset. His wry sense of humor, combined with his aloof manner, fit well into FX.

Rumpled-looking, raspy-voiced Mason Adams projects an aura that is alternately sincere and crooked. And Dennhey, an overweight Colombo-like figure, brings to his role a rare kind of genuine enthusiasm.

FX, which begins with a literal bang, ends on a sardonic and triumphant note as Rollie and McCarthy pull off an incredible, if not totally legitimate, coup in Switzerland.

The good guys come up on top in a film that makes no fantastic claims but is infinitely rich in its twists and turns.

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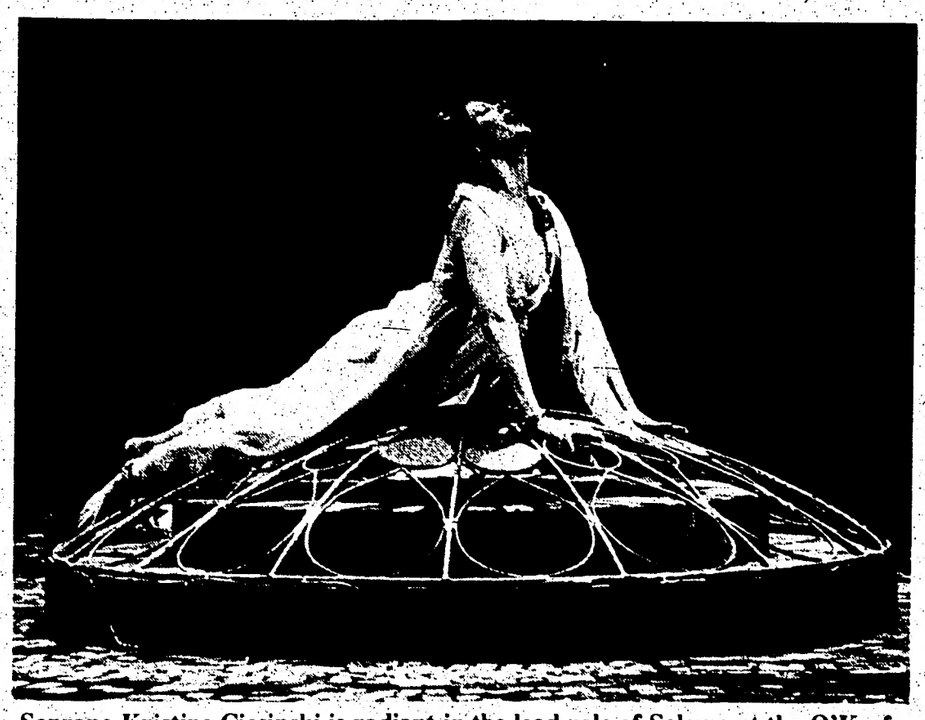

Soprano Kristine Ciesinski is radiant in the lead role of Salome at the O'Keefe Centre.

Salome a depraved, decadent lady of lust

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Salome, the Hebrew princess of Judea, is remembered by most people for her sensuous dance of the seven veils.

But in *Salome*, the Richard Strauss opera based on the Oscar Wilde play of the same name, the seductress is celebrated for more decadent reasons.

She epitomizes the rejected temptress who gave rise to the proverb that hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.

Furthermore, she symbolizes the wicked woman of revenge with a curious necrophiliac streak in her. After dropping her seven veils in a naughty dance for her lecherous stepfather, Herod, she demands as her reward the head of John the Baptist.

Then after the decapitation, not yet done with her wickedness, she kisses the lips of the bloody head and sings passionate arias to it.

A depraved and decadent lady of lust indeed was Salome. She was a *succes de scandale* when the opera was first staged in 1905. And she is reincarnated in all her awful, glorious wickedness in the superb Canadian Opera Company production playing at the O'Keefe Centre until Feb. 9.

The American soprano, Kristine Ciesinski, triumphantly brings to this tempestuous role a multitude of gifts.

Her voice, though not of heroic Wagnerian proportions, is flexible and dramatic; her bizarre aria to the bloody head is a thing of loveliness.

Her dance is torrid enough to make Herod lick his lascivious lips. Her acting is convincing. In addition — very rare for opera divas — she is naturally endowed with physical beauty.

Almost equally outstanding are the Norwegian tenor Ragnar Ulfung as the uxorious Herod and contralto Maureen Forrester as Salome's self-indulgent mother, Herodias.

A coppery moon shining with a sinister glow on the terrace of Herod's palace at Tiberias in Galilee has been created by set designer Anne Ewers. Inspired by Beardsley's illustrations, it has a decadent, over-ripe quality about it that would have delighted Oscar Wilde's soul at its most pagan.

Director Lofti Mansouri should be proud of having staged one of the COC's most luminous productions.

Universe Symphony opens the Year of Canadian Music

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

Steven Gellman's Universe Symphony recently opened the International Year of Canadian Music. This 50-minute work of five movements was commissioned for the Toronto Symphony and Canadian Electronic Ensemble as the result of the encouragement of TSO conductor Andrew Davis.

With much fanfare, this multi-media composition, complete with lighting effects and extra stereo-speakers, was premiered at Roy Thomson Hall with such dignitaries as federal Communications Minister Marcel Masse introducing the proceedings.

Universe Symphony purports to simulate a voyage through space, but for its first three movements it remains on the launching-pad.

Extremely slow and dirgelike, the first three movements, consisting of long-sustained rumblings and sustained single notes livened up only by occasional menacing brass flourishes, tax the listener's patience.

In the fourth movement, Universe Symphony finally blasts off. The fast, energetic display of varied, innovative blends of electronic and modern abstract-acoustic-symphonic arrangements is well constructed and conveys a sinister excitement. Gellman's advanced orchestration capabilities are aptly utilized here.

While the finale returns to the previous slow pace, there's a resolving structure of dramatic recapitulation which was lacking before in the first three movements. The conclusion, while diminishing into eerie quiet, is suitably climactic.

Even so, the challenge of space exploration should connote a sense of awe-inspiring frontier wonder and exhilerating adventure as well as foreboding danger. Otherwise, why bother? This Universe Symphony contains some of the latter elements but too little of the former.

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Israel's Bat-Dor Dance Company cross-country tour in May and June promises to be the largest scale performance engagement ever undertaken by an Israeli cultural organization in Canada.

The tour schedule is as follows: May 11, Vancouver (Orpheum Theatre); May 14, Calgary (Centre for the Performing Arts); May 15, Edmonton (location yet to be confirmed); May 20, Winnipeg (Centennial Concert Hall); May 22, London (Grand Theatre); May 25-27, Toronto (Premiere Dance Theatre); May 29, Montreal (Place des Arts-Salle Wilfred Pelletier; and June 2, Ottawa (National Arts Centre).

Proceeds of a Toronto reception-evening, under the chairmanship of Elaine Culiner, will go to the Bat-Dor Dance Theatre in Beersheba which is one of the institutions in Israel supported by the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation and America-Israel Cultural Foundation.

The tour is being coordinated under the auspices of the Israel foreign ministry and Great Artists Management of Toronto. Also instrumental in assembling this tour was Bat-Dor general manager Barry Swersky, deputy general manager Joseph Frenkel, and yours truly, who as liaison-agent brought the key parties together. Further details will follow.

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Violinist Victor Danchenko, accompanied by the great Czech emigre pianist Antonin Kubalek, will perform at Art Gallery of Ontario Walker Court Sunday, Feb. 9 at 3 p.m. in concert presented by the Royal Conservatory.

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Juan Antonio's ConfiDanse modern-pop-dance-troupe, in which Winnipeg-born Max Steinkopf is a key private investor, promises to be a strong shot in the arm of self-confidence to Toronto's entire entertainment scene. In terms of contemporary relevance and polished electrifying execution, ConfiDanse can hold its own anywhere as it did leading off Gene Rishchauer's recent Solar Winter Dance Festival.

Most memorable selection of their 40-minute First Canadian Place program was Antonio's Overtime, with Fanny Ghorayeb and Michael Trent depicting the sexual tensions beneath dress-for-success inhibition. The choice of music, Jean-Michael Jarre's taut high-tech-syncopation, was highly appropriate.

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A look at McCarthy era

Docudrama takes time to move, but worth the wait

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

It's possible that young theatregoers may feel reluctant about sitting through the 3-hour docudrama that opened last week for a run until Feb. 22 at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

It is titled *Are You Now Or Have You Ever Been*, and it deals with that sordid and painful period of American history in the 1940s and 50s known as the McCarthy era, so named after the notorious demagogue Senator Joseph McCarthy.

In particular, Eric Bentley's docudrama examines the so-called Hollywood witch hunt in that era.

A parade of actors, directors and playwrights were subpoenaed by the government's House Un-American Activities Committee to answer under the glare of TV news cameras whether they had ever been a member of the Communist Party.

Young people may be put off because some of the names of the onetime celebrities who tesitifed will be meaningless to them.

The alleged menace of the American Communist Party, as upheld by the superpatriotic demagogues in that dim past, will seem pathetically absurd.

Furthermore, the dialogue in the docudrama, which consists almost entirely of transcripts of testimony given before the committee, tends to be somewhat repetitive and is slow to build up to a dramatic climax.

But this reviewer urges those so disinclined to overcome their reluctance and attend what becomes, after a slow beginning, a gripping evening of theatre.

By intelligent staging, Reva Stern, artistic director of the Leah Posluns, has converted this seemingly unpromising material into a powerful courtroom polemic which gathers force through its buildup of cumulative testimony.

The political hysteria of the period is cleverly captured with left-wing folksongs offstage and photo blowups of the contemporary headlines flashed on screens backstage preceding each of the three acts.

The stage setting itself is as stark as a court inquisition lit by glaring klieg lights. On one side of the Washington hearing room, seated behind a table of microphones on an elevated platform, are the committee members, at times smarmy or bullying, and always self-righteous.

On the other side, seated in turn behind a smaller table, are the witnesses, described by a committee member as a procession of "bleeding hearts, fools and suckers."

In fact, they are tormented victims, playing out their individual dramas as they wrestle with their conscience.

Will they play the role of informer, saving their own careers from ruination by naming names of fellow Party members who will thus be blacklisted?

Those who do so are pitiful figures.

The most poignant of them is the singer Larry Parks (portrayed with fine understatement by Gerry Salsberg). After being ruthlessly grilled, he sobs out the names of Lee Cobb and other acting friends, while protesting beseechingly, "I'll have to live with this shame for the rest of my life."

The alternative taken by others is to plead silence by virtue of the 5th amendment to the U.S. constitution and thus risk charges of contempt and possible imprisonment or loss of one's passport.

Of the defiant ones, the most eloquent protest was delivered by playwright Lillian Hellman (played in low-key style by Marilyn Stone): "I refuse to cut my conscience to fit this year's fashions."

But the most impassioned indictment is made in the very last scene by the Black singer, Paul Robeson. Gene Mack, a former professional football player turned Toronto actor, delivers a performance that is a devastating tour-de-force.

With a majestic sense of his own dignity, Robeson refuses to be cowed or intimidated by his inquisitors. He quells their bluster by asking each one of them in a level voice: "Who are you?"

Pointing out that he is the grandson of a slave, he confesses wholeheartedly: "Yes, I did tell an audience in the Soviet Union that it was only there, in 1934, that I first felt I was treated like a human being."

Pointing to his chair, he says: "Thomas Jefferson and other fighters for American freedom and against injustice could well be sitting here."

Then, pointing to the committee members, he thunders accusingly: "You disloyalists are the non-Americans!"

It's the stunning climax of a docudrama that is eminently worth seeing, no matter what your age.

Toronto actor Gene Mack, portraying Paul Robeson, is a standout in Are You Now Or Have You Ever Been playing at Leah Posluns Theatre. [Larry Nicols photo]

Radio series salutes Black U.S. activist

TORONTO —

Paul Robeson, the Black American bass singer, actor and political activist, will be saluted in a 3-part radio series by Toronto marketing man Jerry Goodis.

The series titled Scandalize My Name, will be presented each Friday on Feb. 7, 14 and 21 at 9.45 p.m. on CBC Stereo.

Goodis, who knew him personally, first saw Robeson at a rehearsal with the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir.

Goodis' mother sang in the choir and he was introduced to the entertainer as a teenager by the choir's director, Emil Gartner.

The series will include a tape of Robeson speaking in 1950 at the choir's 25th anniversary. The music will cover Robeson's complete range from work songs the likes of Joe Hill to excerpts from *Showboat* and *Porgy and Bess*.

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Travel

Attractive destination

Maryland sells itself to Canadians

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

When Canadians contemplate a holiday down south, they usually think of destinations like New York, Washington, Virginia, New Orleans or Florida.

They rarely consider Maryland, even though that American state has lots to offer the average tourist.

Three years ago, Maryland woke up from its slumber and began to promote itself in Canada through advertising, seminars and familiarization trips for journalists.

The effort seems to have paid off. In 1985, some 129,000 Canadians, two thirds of them from Ontario, spent time in Maryland, which is less than 600 miles from Toronto and Montreal.

Recently, a delegation of Marylanders representing all facets of the state's growing tourist industry were here to tell travel agents and reporters why Maryland is such an attractive destination.

In an interview with the Canadian Jewish News, Charles Lehmann, the assistant director of Maryland's Office of Tourist Development, maintained that Maryland is one of the finest vacation spots in the U.S. If Canadians just take the trouble of finding out, they will not be disappointed, he said.

•Baltimore, Maryland's largest city, is becoming increasingly known for Harborplace. It is crowned by two glass-enclosed pavilions containing more than 140 shops and restaurants, a stunning 7-level aquarium which is recognized as among the best in the country, and the frigate Constellation, the first ship of the U.S. Navy and the oldest ship in the world still afloat.

Harborplace, which is a much bigger version of Toronto's Harbourfront, is crowded with people when the weather is warmer. The atmosphere is much like a country fair.

Travelers should remember that Baltimore is only about an hour's drive from Washington.

•South of Baltimore, along Chesapeake Bay's western shore, is Annapolis, a 300-year-old town which in the 18th century served as the U.S.' first peacetime capital.

Annapolis' stately white capital building, which sits on a grassy knoll overlooking its harbor, is where George Washington resigned his commission as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

Annapolis, which has been designated as a national historic landmark, is the home of the United States Naval Academy. Walking tours of the imposing grounds are available.

Virtually the whole year round, fresh seafood can be eaten in Annapolis' many restaurants. And, as this reporter discovered last summer on a private visit, prices are fairly reasonable.

Fishing is excellent in Chesapeake Bay. Millions of fish migrate up its length into 48 rivers and hundreds of tributaries to spawn.

•Ocean City, with its 10 miles of clean sandy beaches, has a boardwalk that is open 24 hours a day for strolling, jogging and cycling. Its 125 restaurants cater to every culinary taste. The fishing here, from deep sea, surf and bay, is reportedly great.

During Canadian Visitor's Month in October, when water temperatures are still in the 70s, a variety of special discounts and promotions are offered.

•Maryland has more than 150 historical sites and over 40 museums chronicling more than 350 years of American history. The Antietam National Battlefield marks the site of one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. Next to it, in the rustic town of Frederick, you can visit a cemetery where Francis Scott Key — the composer of the Star Spangled Banner — is buried.

Throughout this year, Frederick is offering Canadians discounts from 10% to 20% on lodging.

•Outdoor buffs can hike the Appalachian Trail, and cyclists can enjoy Maryland's rural byways.

Lehmann said his office is working on a plan whereby Canadians will get generous discounts in every part of Maryland.

Air Canada service a winner

TORONTO —

Air Canada has been named winner of the 1985 Passenger Service Award by Air Transport World, a major international aviation magazine.

The airline was judged winner of the award on the basis of both its customer product along with the staff who deliver the service.

"What we look for in airline service is the best combination of investment in the product coupled with the airline staff's ability and willingness to carry it off," states the Washington-based magazine. "Our editorial staff feels that Air Canada has over the years produced an excellent balance of these two main ingredients. . . ."

The airline's in-flight service comes in for particular recognition, especially on North Atlantic routes where the service is termed "one of the best kept secrets in the industry."

Air Transport World commended Air Canada's staff as being "well-trained, courteous and a credit to the airline."

The company's computerized system, ReserVec II, is also praised and judged comparable with better airlines around the world. ReserVec II, which was introduced by Air Canada in 1970, can handle more than 2 million transactions per day and is used by about 2,700 travel agencies across Canada.

The publication also noted the success of the company's EnRoute credit card which now has a membership of more than 250,000.

In addition, the airline's effort in providing services for the disabled traveller is cited by Air Transport World.

Dig Into The Past tour unique way to see Israel

TORONTO —

For those interested in digging into Israel's past, Corson Travel Services is now offering the 4th edition of Dig Into The Past, an archeological adventure into the Holy Land, June 27-July 20.

The tour is originated and escorted by Alex Gropper, professor of archaeology and Biblical studies at the School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto and history teacher at Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

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TORONTO —

Aniko Barta, a Toronto artist and graduate of the Ontario College of Art, will be conducting a 3-city European art tour this spring for modern art enthusiasts.

Scheduled from May 10 to May 24, the tour will take travelers to Barcelona, Paris and Budapest.

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Travel

Hotels lure travelers

If it's bargains you're looking for, Israel has them

By ROSE KLEINER

For those trying to shorten the winter by running away from home, there is one place that offers bargains galore this year, and that is Israel. Many tours and package deals are available to accommodate every type of traveler, including those with special needs.

There are bargains in either just hotel rooms, or in packages.

One attractive offer comes from the Jerusalem Plaza's "5 Star — 5 Nights" plan. Until March 15 you can stay at this 5-star hotel for five nights for U.S. $105, double occupancy. One child up to 21 in the same room is free. There is a chance to reduce the hotel bill to zero, as every guest on this plan (except the child) receives a coupon book worth $105 in discounts for restaurants and tourist services.

A bonus 2-day stay in the Galilee is possible under this plan at the Tiberias Plaza. It costs $21 per person per night, double occupancy, with no charge for one child, under 21, in the same room.

An even more appealing hotel bargain can be obtained at Tel Aviv's Astoria Hotel, on the beach. Its "Five-Star Sale To The Sun" costs $16.50 per night, and includes a full 5-star Israeli breakfast buffet.

A member of the Basel Group of Hotels, the Astoria also provides the option of a free Budget rent-a-car (you pay the mileage, gas and insurance) that comes with a Budget Bonus Kit good for free meals, drinks, gifts and entry to tourist attractions.

The package comes with certain conditions. There has to be a minimum 7-consecutive-night stay, and double occupancy. The offer ends on March 15. Children in parents' room stay free.

The Astoria's "Basel Bonus" is a variation of this. You can stay one night, within the seven, in Jerusalem, or in the Galilee, at the same rate, while you keep your room at the Astoria for free.

If you prefer to stay in an apartment during your travels, Israel has just opened its first 5-star apartment hotel. Yamit Tower, on Tel Aviv's beautiful promenade, has 60 suites, each containing a kitchenette, bedroom, living room and balcony overlooking the Mediterranean.

There are also a pool, restaurants and a shopping arcade. The hotel is designed for families on extended holidays, and for business people requiring various services.

Apartments are also available at the newly reopened Daniel Hotel and Spa in Herzliya, on the beach. This luxury hotel has a health spa where Dead Sea water baths, tennis courts and health cuisine are at your disposal.

Packages designed to meet the special needs of different groups of travelers are becoming more common in Israel. One series of leisure vacations for older adults is offering five nights in Eilat with a daylong yacht cruise on the Red Sea. All-inclusive air and land packages go from $1,699.00 for 22 days, to $2,373 for 29 days. Prices are in U.S. funds and tours leave from New York.

One cannot help but be impressed by the tours to Israel for the disabled that have now become a reality. Wheelchair-bound travelers can see the country in the comfort of specially adapted coaches. In Israel all hotels, tourist sites and restaurants are totally accessible to travelers in wheelchairs. Tours are arranged by Mentor International Travel for Handicapped Inc., 1 E 57th St., New York City.

Having just opened in the U.S., this agency offers a series of 15-day programs, leaving from New York, with each departure limited to 25 persons. Handicapped persons needing escorts are included.

A new Israel tour for the blind has been launched with the cooperation of Israel's government agencies for the blind. The itinerary makes it possible for the blind to enjoy visits to such places as the Israel Museum, and its sculpture garden, or to the Western Wall with its rough and time-worn surface.

Seeing Eye, or Hearing guide dogs will be flown, under this program, for free, by El Al, TWA and Pan Am. The leader of the tour is George Doura, a trained guide who is blind, who is accompanied by his sighted wife. Directions Unlimited of Mount Kisco, NY (344 Main St.), is the originator of these tours for the blind. Departures are from New York.

For more detailed information about all the tours mentioned, contact your local travel agent.

Climate, currency make Venezuela a favorite spot

By DAVID PIERSON

TORONTO —

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As their name suggests Sun Quest specializes in vacations to those marvellous southern climes where one can forget the three feet of snow you left behind.

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York coach wins award

Volleyballers have banner year

York Yeowomen volleyball coach Merv Mosher. [Graphic Artists photo]

By PAUL MILLER

TORONTO —

"What a difference a year makes" are the words echoing throughout the York women's volleyball team and Merv Mosher's head. Mosher has been the head coach of the Yeowomen since 1978.

During the 1984-85 season, Mosher led his ladies to a third place finish at the Canadian Inter-University Athletic Union (CIAU) championships. As a result, Mosher was named Coach of the Year, capping one of the most successful campaigns he and the Yeowomen have had.

Mosher's coaching ability will be put to the test during the current season since he'll be forced to contend with losing all six starters from last year's team. Graduation and the Olympic program claimed the six. But if anyone can rejuvenate this depleted team, Mosher is the man for the job.

Mosher played volleyball for five years with the University of British Columbia. After graduating, he took a job with the Canadian National Women's Volleyball team while it was training in Vancouver. But in 1977, the team shifted to Toronto and Mosher found that York University needed a qualified coach.

"It was a simple case of being in the right place at the right time," Mosher says. From then on, he has guided his girls to four consecutive Ontario championships. And this season, the Yeowomen rest comfortably in third spot of the Ontario Women's Inter-University Athletic Association's (OWIAA) eastern division.

Since York lost six players, Mosher has had the difficult task of filling some big shoes. Canadian universities don't give athletic scholarships, so it's quite a chore recruiting top-flight players to York when American schools are waving attractive offers in the eyes of 18- and 19-year-olds.

Mosher stresses the fact that "York is still regarded as a Mickey Mouse institution. It remains in the shadows of Western, Queens and U of T."

Another factor in recruiting is that with York's success in the last few years "many athletes shy away from a successful team because of the fear that they might not be good enough."

Mosher has consistently taken a very philosophical approach to university sports, especially volleyball. Like other coaches, his pre-season objective was to win the Ontario championship. But he says "I would not consider the year a flop if the team didn't win a title."

He believes that as long as all the girls give it their best, he won't be disappointed. And when he says, "all the girls," he definitely means all of them. Because of the limitations of volleyball substitutions, he believes in "playing the substitute who worked the hardest in practice." This way, Mosher ensures that all his girls will put out 110% during every practice.

When it comes to an actual philosophy to the game, Mosher has been able to derive much of his methodology from the international game. He believes that after being an assistant coach of the senior national team and a head coach of the junior national team, he has been exposed to enough volleyball at all levels so he is well prepared to apply any coaching technique.

At the present moment, Mosher has taken a relatively inexperienced team to a 4-2 record. He still hopes for an Ontario championship, but if not, rest assured that Mosher will not declare this year or any year a failure as long as he gets the most from his girls.

B'nai B'rith hockey scores for the week of Jan. 30.

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B1 DIVISION

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TFL Feathers 2 — TFL Paris Kitchens 1
Upper Canada Bruins 2 — TFL Beaver Canoe 2

Player of the week was Mark Himel of the TFL Fantasticks.

B2 DIVISON

Don Mills Axemen 3 — Forestdale Sting 0
TFL Freedoms 3 — TFL Plumbers 2

Player of the week was Howard Axelrod of the Don Mills Axemen.

C1 DIVISION

Canyon Ultakukers 5 — Manor Metro Angels 2
Maccabiah Black Hawks 5 — LMOL Furriers 1
Don Mills Wasters 6 — Maccabiah Weiss Guys 4
TFL Flyers 2 — TFL Flood 1

Player of the week was Steve Levant of the TFL Flyers.

C2 DIVISION

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Looking for individuals to interview for CBC television documentary on the 25th anniversary of the Adolph Eichmann trial. Anyone who has special information about the trial, who had direct contact with Eichmann, or who can provide information for contact for such interviews, please call (416) 963-5855 in Toronto between 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Collect calls will be accepted. Ask for Olenka.

Pre-Valentine's Day Party Monday, Feb. 10 8:00 p.m. Rooneys, 2 Rosehill Ave. Handwriting Analyst will match couples. Cover $6.00 including munchies.

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruth & David Hills are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Amy to Michael Jay, son of Rochelle & Martin Goldman of New York. An April wedding is planned.

Ruth & David Hills are delighted to announce the engagement of their son Mathew Bruce to Lisa Deborah, daughter of Iris & Paul Berman of New Jersey. An August wedding is planned.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Park Towers - furnished, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1-2 years. Days - 361-1818. Evening & week-ends - 781-3311. $1,075.

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Bathurst-Highway 7. 2 bedroom, 2 full baths, den, upgraded appliances & broadloom. Available March. 663-7279.

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Wanted to rent luxury waterfront cottage, West Shore of Lake Simcoe, Minimum 3 bedroom for July & August. Call 363-3817.

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Experienced babysitter would care for children of any age in her home. Call 663-8759.

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DOMESTIC HELP WANTED

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DOMESTIC HELP WANTED

Bubie wanted to care for 21 month old boy in our Thornhill home. Excellent references required. 881-1426.

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HOUSES FOR RENT

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HOUSES FOR SALE

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BAYVIEW S. OF STEELES 2 storey, detached brick, dble. gar., 4 bdrm., fin. bsmnt., on cul de sac, 60'x130' lot, $229,500. Tony Tsang, 474-0500/226-5981. **LIVING REALTY RLTR.**

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BATHURST-GLENCAIRN Huge custom built 4 bdrm. on 1 level, w/o from kitchen & family rm., rec rm., pool size lot, prestige location.

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BATHURST-STEELES 4 bdrm. 2 storey, huge living & dining rm.; up to date kitchen, w/o's, fin. lower level, sauna, whirlpool, 4 baths. Steps to everything.

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BAYVIEW-OLD ENGLISH LANE Carlton luxury home being built on 120 x 150 lot. Triple garage, exciting design, choose own finishings. BEV BURSTEIN 223-5100.

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LESLIE-GREENLANE 1ST AD Executive 5 bdrm, quiet court, main family rm, large master & dressing rm, heat pump, ceramics, neutral decor. $239,900. BEV BURSTEIN 223-5100.

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BATHURST-FINCH $144,900 Huge 4 bdrm semi, 4pc master ensuite, family room, fireplace, 9-7/8% mtge. Gorgeous! MR. VERRALL 224-2800.

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BATHURST-STEELES JUST LISTED! Ravine lot — 2 storey, 3 bdrms; parquet floors, 2 baths, attached garage, sunny living room. $121,900. LEON KOGAN 224-2800.

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BATHURST-ANTIBES CONDO Large 3 bdrm apt, 2 full baths, Florida room, huge living rm, 3 car parking, air, appliances. LEON KOGAN 224-2800.

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BATHURST-STEELES—NEAR SCHOOL & PARK Popular "WELLINGTON" model. Spacious fam. rm., firepl., 21' kitch., loads of cupboards, kingsize master, S in extras. $164,900. Florence Goldenberg, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-STEELES — JUST LISTED! Spacious 3 bdrm., dble. gar., quiet street. Fenced yard, loaded with extras. Won't last! Michael Spagat, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-STEELES — JUST LISTED! 3 bdrm., lg. corner lot, spacious kitch., with w/o. $126,900. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

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BATHURST — STEELES NEAR SCHOOL & PARK Charming 3 bdrm., 2 storey, separate liv. & fam. rms., 2½ bths., well decorated. Loads of extras! Dillon Jones, 731-7111.

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NORTH BATHURST — DREAM HOME Totally upgraded 4 bdrm., finished bsmt., in-ground pool & lots of toys. Quiet cul-de-sac! Brad Brown, 731-7111. Spagat 731-7111.

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FAYWOOD-SHEPPARD — $179,000 Large 3 bdrm. sidesplit, with dble. garage, lg. kitchen, fin. bsmt. apt. with sep. entrance. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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BAYVIEW-JOHN — PICTURE PERFECT! Spacious 3 bdrm., super-sized lot, 4 pc. ensuite, fam. rm., firepl., fin. bsmnt., maid's rm. Andy Reti, 731-7111.

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BATHURST - HWY. NO. 7 — CONDO Luxury brand new 2 bdrm., Fla. rm., master ensuite, super value! $113,900 Bella Beer, 731-7111.

HOUSES FOR SALE

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BATHURST — SOUTH OF STEELES $270,000 Luxury Home Featuring Huge Living Room and Dining Room, Ultra Modern Kitchen Plus Appliances, Den with Impressive Fireplace, Walk-Out to Rear, Huge Recreation Room, Open Fireplace, Large Sauna, Close to Synagogues, Shopping and Schools, Mr. Wasserman 961-4444.

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WONDERFUL STREET! LOT + + + VALUE + + + $475,000. 4 + bdrm. Den on main plus beautiful family rm. with w/o to magnificent garden. Call now! Roslyn Avery, 487-4343.

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1ST AD BUNGALOW YORK MILLS GARDEN $349,000. Excellent builder's lot, 75' frt. x 153' dpth. widening to 112' at rear. 3 bdrm. + fin. bsmt. Sunfilled gem. Sandi Kert, 449-2020.

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LESLIE-CUMMER RAVINE 2 STOREY $315,000. Fabulous contemporary design 5 bdrm. Main family rm., 5 baths, cent. vacuum. W/o lower level. Judy Horvath, 449-2020.

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STUNNING 1 YEAR NEW! COURT LOCATION $209,900. Gourmet cook's dream kitchen, hardwood floors, sep. L.R. & D.R. Main floor laundry & family room (obfp), private treed lot. Adrienne Coleman 449-2020.

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ALL BRICK BUNGALOW — CLOSE TO LAKE $124,900 3 bdrms, Hollywood kitchen, gorgeous new 4 pc bath. 75' x 150' lot, beautiful trees. Dble drive. Full bsmt. Adrienne Coleman 449-2020.

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Midtown Properties

GRANITE CLUB NEW CONSTRUCTION $595,000. Southern lot w/sunfilled solarium. Custom designed by Gabor & Popper. Choice finishings. Heddy Blaug 449-2020.

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JUST REDUCED BUNGALOW RAVINE $575,000. Total privacy 125'x134' lot. 4 bdrm. bung. Updated kit., separate brkft. rm. overlooks ravine. Sandi Kert 449-2020.

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YORK MILLS AREA BUNGALOW $299,000. Won't last at this price. 3 + bdrms., skylit white kit. Cosy fin. bsmt. Lg. entertaining rms. Pool size lot. L. Taylor 449-2020.

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2 bdrm., 2 baths, north bldg., ravine view, like new. 1546 sq. ft. $230,000 Marshall Cohen **960-1041.**

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Bright, cheerful 1 bdrm. & den, large eat-in kitchen. $129,900. Call Doug White **960-1041.**

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$329,000. 1st ad! Interior decorated and renovated with every conceivable feature. Modern in design, 11 rooms + finished bsmt, 20' family rm with rosewood panelling, new Hudson kitchen, must be seen! Maxine Povering 736-1100.

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BAYVIEW-JOHN "IMMACULATE CONDITION"
$121,500. 3 bdrm to**SOLD**, eat-in galley kitchen, 3 baths, end unit. Betty Goldkind 736-1100.

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BATHURST-STEELES — ONLY $129,900
Fully detached, all brick, 3 bdrms, ensuite bathrm, built by Forest Hills North. Wendy Teperman 736-1100.

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GLENSHIELDS-DUFFERIN-STEELES
$109,900. New exclusive! **SOLD** bdrm, 2 storey, finished bsmt, 2 baths, air. Ma...n Potok 736-1100.

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BAYVIEW-STEELES "PROFESSIONALLY LANDACAPED"
$269,900. Large 4 bdrm, p...elled family rm, finished bsmt, pool size lot. Be... **SOLD** Goldkind 736-1100.

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BATHURST-MANOR "NEW EXCLUSIVE"
$159,500. 3 bdrm sidesplit, main floor family rm, fireplace, finished bsmt, remodelled kitchen, owner will hold mtge below current rate! Maxine Povering 736-1100.

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BATHURST-STEELES $119,900
New exclusive! Detached 3 bdrm, 2 baths, fireplace, partially finished bsmt. Al Sidofsky 736-1100. **SOLD**

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BATHURST-CENTRE "CONDO"
$115,900. Brand new 2 bdrm, 2 full baths, huge living rm, many facilities! Ma**SOLD** Povering 736-1100.

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BATHURST NORTH — BACKS ONTO RAVINE!
Reduced to $239,900. Beautifully upgraded 5 bdrm, marble foyer, walk-out bsmt. Steve Nadjewski 736-1100.

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SHEPPARD-BATHURST ONLY $134,900
Just listed this 3 bdrm center hall bugalow, 2 bdrm apartment, deep lot! Maxine Povering 736-1100.

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NEAR GERMAN MILLS SCHOOL $189,900
Recently redecorated! 4 huge bdrms, family rm, finished bsmt, mature landscaping. Betty Goldkind 736-1100.

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BAYVIEW-JOHN "SHOWPIECE"
$249,900. Main library & family rm, 4 bdrms, 4 baths, finished bsmt, exquisite c**SOLD**... Betty Goldkind 736-1100.

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BATHURST-STEELES 1ST TIME BUYERS!
$117,500. Fabulous decor! ...test 3 bdrm Th, 3 baths, finished bsmt, fireplace. **SOLD** Maxine Povering 736-1100.

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YONGE-STEELES $174,900
3 bdrm sidesplit, main floor family rm, 60 x 132 lot, owner left country. Steve Nadajewski 736-1100.

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BAYVIEW-WILLOWBROOK $112,500
3 bdrm townhome, fireplace in living rm, eat-in pine kitchen, central air. Betty Goldkind 736-1100.

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***1 CORWIN CRES. 50'x120'**
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West of Bathurst off Laurelcrest. 2 storey centre hall plan. 4 bdrms; 3 bathrooms, double drive. Fin. bsmt. Vendor has bought! Goldie Kay 635-6677.

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***BATHURST-YORK DOWNS AREA**
LAND VALUE — ATTN: BUILDERS!
Detached 2 bdrm bungalow on superb lot between expensive homes. Ideal for 1st time buyer or builder. Magda Zalai 635-5031.

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***BATHURST-WILSON — NEW LISTING!**
South of Wilson - East of Bathurst. Asking $129,000. 2 bdrm bungalow. Fin bsmt. Attached garage. All appliances included. Good financing. Office.

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In old Thornhill! Finely crafted new homes waiting for your personal finishing touches. Living areas — 2,417 - 3,244 sq. ft. inc. family rooms, libraries, custom kitchens and baths, 2 storey living rooms and more. Take Bathurst to Centre and go right to Edmund Seager Estates. Weekends 12 to 5, weekdays by appt. from $199,900.00. J. Vogler 485-2299.

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METRO NORTH
$229,000. Totally upgraded bdrms, 4 baths, fam. rm., fin. lower level; marble floors eat-in kitchen and more. Bruce Track 485-2299.

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MOVE IN & RELAX!!
In this updated home - Chaplin Estates. Greenhouse breakfast room, large for**SOLD** lrms. Private drive. Plus more! $259,900. E. Sp...ak 485-2299.

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CEDARVALE
$227,900. Den on main, 3 bdrms, fin. bsmt with 4 piece bath. Modern amenities. W. Wynter 485-2299.

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PROFESSIONAL BUILDING
Bathurst/St. Clair. Free standing renovated offices. 2,500 sq. ft. plus base., parking, suit Dr., Dent., Lawyer, etc. $415,000.00. Allen Tobe 485-2299.

Forest Hill
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***1ST AD! BATHURST & GLENCAIRN $269,000**
Enchanting 4 bdrm home! Lovely main floor den + powder room. C.A.C. Gorgeous deep lot. Close to synagogue & TTC. Judy Silverberg 488-2875.

***1ST AD! LOWER VILLAGE TUDOR**
$459,000. Gorgeous oak pan**SOLD**g! Stained floors! Superb main floor family room! 5 ...ious bdrms. Evelyn Weinstein 488-2875.

***A LOT OF HOUSE FOR YOUR $ $ $ $**
Wonderful 5 bdrm home on choice street. Deluxe ceramic tiled kitchen, loads of space! Den on main! Excellent master with marble en suite! Dble garage! Private garden! David Wagman 488-2875.

***"KELLNER" TOWNHOUSE! A-1 LOCATION!**
$535,000. Luxury! 3,600 sq. ft.! Soaring ceilings! Skylights! Grand scale rooms! Walkout family room! David Wagman 488-2875.

***LOWER VILLAGE TOWNHOUSE $585,000**
Luxury 3 bdrm beauty! Sunken living room. Separate dining room. Main floor den. Double garage! Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

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Hamiltonian inspires textbook

By
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HAMILTON — A popular school textbook on Israel used in Canada, the U.S., Australia and New Zealand was produced in Hamilton at the instigation of Sheila Zack, a local businesswoman and enthusiastic booster of Israel.

Her original idea had been to make a film but she was persuaded that something concrete, like a book that kids can take home, is more effective than a film you look at for 20 minutes and then forget.

Produced for the Inside Communities series and published in 1982 by Fitzhenry and Whiteside, the book is intended for social studies in grades 4, 5 and 6 but is also useful in other grades.

The authors are geographers Gary Brichall and James Forrester and historians Douglas Gray and John Parr. Over lunch recently, Zack and Forrester, who is now superintendent of education for the Hamilton Board of Education, told The CJN about the book.

"If anyone made the book happen," said Forrester, "it was Sheila." It was she who mobilized Israeli authorities both in Israel and in Canada into extending every possible assistance to the authors on their visits to Israel, she who knew to whom to turn when bureaucracy threatened to stall the project and she who was constantly on hand to smooth the way and solve problems.

The book is dedicated to Sheila and Gordon, her husband and owner of a well-known downtown furniture store, who took part in the project with equal enthusiasm. The idea, said Zack, was to produce a book that would "make sure that kids have a working knowledge of the country when they go there."

The book was one of seven Canadian school books chosen for the 33rd International Children's and Youth Exhbition by the International Youth Library in Munich, West Germany, in 1982 and in addition to selling coast to coast in Canada, it also sells well in the U.S., Australia and New Zealand.

The authors made a total of five trips to Israel, including one with a group of geography teachers, on which they were joined by Zack. They took almost 10,000 pictures and slides and made six film strips to go with the book.

Written from the perspective of a visiting group of students (the authors captured both the tone and language of youngsters exceedingly well), the book looks at "selected aspects of geography, history, culture and society of Israel through local studies of four distinctive regions, Jerusalem and surrounding area, Tel Aviv, the desert and the kibbutzim in the valley of Jezreel.

The only chapter that caused some "static" was that on the Bedouins but as Forrester pointed out, "not all the people in Israel are Jews. The Arab is there and must be considered part of the milieu" and besides, the Jewish medical team they described as it traveled through the desert taking care of the sick "shows the humanity the Israeli is able to offer."

The book, he said, "deals with religion and politics only as they surround the day-to-day life of a people who have adapted to a most difficult environment and situation, who live under enormous pressure of climate, politics and economy . . . and yet are happy and forward looking . . . a variety of people with an enormous breadth of experience."

New program planned to boost Ontario cooperative education

TORONTO — Over the next three years, Ontario will funnel $13 million into boosting cooperative education at the high school level, Education Minister Sean Conway announced recently.

The program, which begins this April, will provide $3.5 million the first year, $4.5 million the second, and $5 million during the third year to participating school boards on a shared-cost basis, with the ministry paying a minimum of 75%.

Currently, 15,000 students across the province are enrolled in co-op programs run by a number of boards, including nearly every board in the Metro area and surrounding regions. The costs of these programs come out of the block per-pupil grant boards receive from the ministry.

The ministry is hoping that the additional special funding will double the number of students participating in co-op education, in which students receive credit for periods of work in businesses or industries related to their school programs.

For example, a student taking courses in the technical trades could receive credit for work in a sheet metal or auto body shop; another, university-bound, could receive credit for work in a lab, an accounting office, or an advertising firm.

According to Conway, "the bottom line for co-op is that more than 90% of high school students enrolled in cooperative education programs subsequently find employment or continue their education in college, university or through apprenticeship."

The grants are intended to assist school boards in removing barriers to student participation, like transportation costs, provision of safety equipment, and lodging for students from remote communities.

In addition to the grants for co-op education, which can run to a maximum of $15,000 to $18,000 per board, a school board can also apply for funds under the special ministry program to hire an employment counselor to find first jobs for students leaving high school.

Ontario govt. summer job programs announced

TORONTO —

More than 61,000 jobs will be available for young people this summer through three Ontario government programs, Skills Development Minister Gregory Sorbara announced recently.

Sorbara told an audience at the Erindale campus of the Univerity of Toronto that his ministry has allocated $43.8-million for Experience 86, the Ontario Youth Employment Program and the Student Venture Capital Program.

The ministry has committed the same resources to these programs as last year despite optimistic predictions about the labor market, Sorbara said.

The summer programs of the skills development ministry are:

• Experience 86 which provides 7,000 jobs in more than 100 ministries and associated organizations where young people gain first-hand knowledge in areas that they are considering as careers. The jobs vary from teaching water safety to assisting researchers on energy conservation programs to providing information for tourists.

• The Ontario Youth Employment Program pays a wage subsidy of $1.25 an hour to Ontario employers to encourage them to create new summer jobs for $53,000 young people.

• Student Venture Capital provides interest-free loans up to $2,000 to eligible students to operate their own businesses. Last summer 1,230 young people were involved in the program, a release from the ministry states. Student Venture Capital is operated in co-operation with the Royal Bank of Canada and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

"The spirit of entrepreneurship starts young and I am pleased that my ministry is there to foster it," the minister said. "Students get into everything from fast food to lawn care to house painting."

Sorbara said additional summer employment is available through other programs of the Ontario government including the Junior Ranger program of the ministry of natural resources, the summer replacement program in Ontario government ministries and associated organizations, a program for student dependents of social assistance recipients, as well as the job program of the federal government.

Information and applications for Experience 86 and Student Venture Capital will be available in mid-February at school placement offices, community information centres, Canada Employment Centres for students, the constituency offices of MPPs and many Ontario government offices.

Employer applications for the Ontario Youth Employment Program will be mailed in March to 100,000 employers across Ontario. They will also be available by calling 1-800-387-1290, toll-free.

Emotions, cancer linked

JERUSALEM —

Research suggests that a patient's mental state and such factors as depression, feelings of despair and the inability to express emotions may affect the recurrence of and survival from cancer, says Dr. Robert Fisch, a psychiatrist at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre.

Some research appears to show that people who are depressed for many years before they take sick may be prone to cancer, the doctor said.

In a study at a large electrical firm, 2,000 men were psychologically tested and followed for 17 years. It was found that those who were diagnosed as depressed became ill with malignancies 2.3 times more than their co-workers, whereas with heart disease, this emotional; state seemed to make no appreciable difference, Fisch said.

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